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Union.

London, Feb. 28 .- (By A. P.)-

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High Prices for Seats.

All these, augmented by native

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Lincoln, Feb. 28.-(Special Tele-gram.)-Developments the first day of the state road and bridge probe authorized by the special session of he legislature were:

State Engineer George Johnson charged that Nebraska county and township officials have acted as agents for road machinery, culvert and material firms, receiving commissions from such firms on purchases made by the counties or townships.

Attorney General Clarence A. Davis charged that only two counties in the entire state had comlied with a law in effect since 1917, which demands that responsible county officials keep records of every cent spent on various county road projects, Douglas and Lancaster counties are the only two which have complied with the law, Davis charged.

Johnson, in his report submitted to the probe committee, declared that in some instances companies raised prices quoted to counties after having guaranteed commissions to county officials.

#### Many Mames Given.

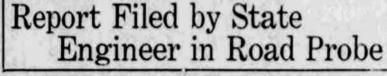
Names of numerous officials in Nebraska are given in connection with the charges made by Johnson in the appended report. In come cases, the deal was put through by means of appointing a father, brother or other rolative of the official or agent for the company seeking to land the county or township business.

"W. C. O'Brien, clerk of Highland township. Adams county, placed an order with B. C. Larrabee, salesman for the Galion Iron Works and Manufacturing company," says the

In speaking of the report, Engineer on said:

r cent of all the road counties during the has been done with en furnished by this

> icles Increase. gures sent out by onald, chief of the



Following is the report of State Engineer George Johnson, filed today with the special road investigation committee of the state legislature, in which he charges that county Says Company Robbed larities in connection with road contracts:

and a price established. The enemies When this grader is demonstrated I and a price established. The chemics When this grader is demonstrated I succeeded in having all of the pen-alty clauses stricken from the bill and they the commission and charge before it passed, and for that rea-it in my expense book as indicated

son it is inoperative. To substantiate our claim that such law was necessary, we here-with submit for your consideration certain official reports of the pro-tertain official reports of the pro-cerdings before the federal trade ceedings before the federal trade commission showing the method of conducting business by certain ma-chinery and material firms with county and township officials in this

and other states. There seems to be a tendency on O., Beaver Crossing. Order taken ship officials to act as agents, either by R. McDonald," report. "and at the bottom of the order page Larrabee says there is a commission on the order payable to W. C. O'Brien, Juniata."

braska. The records in Kearney county disclose that Christian Hove, a member of the county board, sold road machinery and culverts to the formed that he is still representing the Galion Iron Works & Manue County during 1921. We are in-formed that he is still representing the Galion Iron Works & Manue charge it up in final settlement is the county of the county of the county of the county during the county of the county of the county of the county during the county

the Galion Iron Works & Manu-facturing company and serving as a member of the county board. Charge it up in final settlement.' stock. It died b Please advise us to what he refers. Signed Galion Iron Works & Mig. Organization member of the county board.

Premier with extra blade 20

Co., by Credit Manager."

Declares McWhorter and Associates Took \$136.000 in Princess Mary, only daughter of Alleged Fraudulent King George and Queen Mary, was married today to Viscount Lascelles, Promotions.

with all the pomp and dignity befit-ting a royal wedding. The ceremony began in Westmin-ster Abbey at 11:30 o'clock and soon thereafter the couple were pro-nounced man and wife, while the

Wartime-May 1, 1918. The pot-

reason that, while we feel that a large per cent of the county officials were honest and doing their best to get the most for the money expend-letter. I want to name writing this \$436,000.

were honest and doing their best to get the most for the money expend-ed, a few were not on the square and for that reason we considered that the purchase of equipment should not be made until bids were received when this grader is demonstrated I which is to try the alleged stock fraud case in federal court.

> The conspirators he named are William A. McWhorter, W. G. Chipley, Charles Wohlberg, Jacob Masse and Charles L. Dundy, now dead. ter was the "moving spirit of the scheme to defraud." He also reaccording to Kinsler. cable. (Note on side) Name of Cor-

Whorter got \$58,000 and the others voyage to gain a glimpse of the only \$38,000 apiece," he asserted. great state function Anticipating argument for the de-

the potash concern was "like a strong man with his heart cut out. He dies."

O Ø. Viscount Princess Lascelles Mary

# On "Honeymoon Special"

Royal Newlyweds Board Non-Stop Train Bound for Shifnal, Shropshire-War Veterans Guard Pair.

President Harding Recommends Government Program to Assist Financing Merchant Ships.

Endorses Waterway Plan

Omaha Bee Leaved Wire, Washington, Feb. 28 .- Direct aid to the American Merchant Marine at a cost to the government of at least \$15,000,000 for the first year and ultimately of possibly \$30,000,000 annually was recommended by President Harding in his address to con-

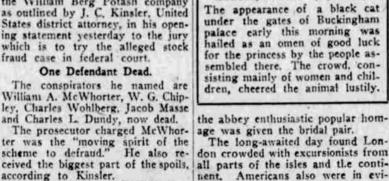
gress today. The president endorsed, in a general way, recommendations made to him by the shipping board. Besides direct compensation for Americavessels engaged in foreign trade, the program involves the sale of government ships at present market values, a construction loan fund of \$125,000,-000 and arious forms of indirect aid. While President Harding estimated that a maximum expenditure annually for the 10-year period, dur-ing which it is proposed to continue subsidy, would be not more than \$30,000,000, provision is made for the creation of a merchant marine fund amounting probably to somewhat more than that sum

### May Exceed \$30,000,000.

The merchant marine fund would include 10 per cent of the annual customs revenue, amounting prob-ably to \$30,000,000 annually, all of the revenue from tounage taxes, amounting to \$4,000,000, postal earnings, amounting to \$4,000,000, which would otherwise be paid to American ships, and such money as may be returned to the government from earnings of American ships, in excess of 10 per cent, after such ships have benefited from the government compensation. On the basis of these estimates the merchant marine fund might amount during the first year to as much as \$38,000,000.

Bills prepared by the shipping board and embodying the administration recommendations were introduced by Representative Greene of chairman

house committee on mercchant ma-



"In one division of \$190,000, Mc- dence, hundreds having made responding Official-J. A. Witter, P.

fense that the potash concern might not have failed if the war had not Londoners, most of whom took the ended so soon, Kinsler told the jury day off, crowded into every niche about Buckingham palace, along the Mall, in Trafalgar square, down

Whitehall and in the precincts of the parliament buildings and the abbey. "Robbed Company Blind." "These men robbed the company

Many paid high prices for seats in blind while they were selling the stands or even standing room in stock. It died before it was born- windows along the way.

Hours before the weading there Organization of two subsidiary were overflows of humanity in every companies, the William A. WcWhor-ter & Co. and the Neb-Ota com-wedding party. Some, bringing onald, chief of the roads, show that foot for road ex-ska is lower than in bip, York county, Charles Apple-the Miscouri gate represented the Galion-Iron any. Were further artifices to de-the Miscouri gate represented the Galion-Iron any. Were further artifices to de-ship, York county, Charles Apple-the Miscouri gate represented the Galion-Iron any. Were further artifices to de-the Miscouri gate represented the Galion-Iron any. Were further artifices to de-the Miscouri gate represented the Galion-Iron any. Were further artifices to de-the Miscouri gate represented the Galion-Iron any. Were further artifices to de-the Miscouri gate represented the Galion-Iron any.

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possible to conceive what would be under this traffic if the state aid." He invites a comparison? of road

work done by the counties and by the state road department.

Split Over Road. The remainder of the day was spent by the committee in endea vor-

road conditions in Richards I. O. Shroyer, a citizen, and G. W. Duerdorf, Richardson county commissioner, admitted at the be-

ginning that the county had been split for years as to the location of a main traveled road, and finally it became Johnson's duty to determine (Turn to Page Two, Column Two.)

# Governors to Debate

on Waterway Project

Washington, Feb. 28 .- Governors Nathaniel L. Miller of New York and Henry J. Allen, Kansas, in addition to several hundred delegates om all sections of the country, are spected to be present at the open-

meeting tomorrow of the 17th nual convention of the National vers and Harbors congress when atters pertaining to waterways imvements and shipping legislation

e brought up for discussion. Governor Allen arrived today and Governor Allen arrived today and ent some time in conference with embers of congress from his state very thing our way for 5 per cent on graders and 10 per cent on cul-burse the county from the state highway maintenance fund. The iled for tomorrow.

uled for tomorrow. Governor Allen has said that he believed the St. Lawrence river should be widened and improved to enable shipping of the Great Lakes to pass to the Atlantic ocean by that route, while Governor Mil-ler has been a strong advocate of the development of the New York state barge canal from Buffalo to Albany, so that shipping from the Albany, so that shipping from the Great Lakes may pass down the Hudson river to the Atlantic, thus permitting American shipping to utiize what he termed essentially American waters.

## San Francisco Business Men

er mile of earth Course of Business Works & Manufacturing company Jebraska than in during 1919 and 1920, and sold cul-Pages 8 and 9, paragraph 5, bill of Iowa, South Da- verts and road machinery to the stipulations reads as follows: "That deposit lakes in western Nebraska Kansac, Wyoming and Colorado. Cost kota, Wyoming and Colorado. Cost per mile of gravel r bads is also lower bere than in other states. Cost of Township officials of Rockville and similar products in said com-options over to the Berg company

states. Cost of twiship and Ashton township, merce in and among the states and for a consideration of \$100,000, \$ ads is about the Sherman county, sold culverts and territories of the Unted States, the 000 of which was paid in cash. constructing stay roads is about the same as in other states in details the Mr. Johnson's book in Nebraska mo-enormous increase in Nebraska mo-tor vehicles from 25.617 in 1914 to 243,198 today, and adds: "It is im-243,198 today, and adds: "It is im-sythe, a member of the county its products in the usual form, with

at the roads sythe, a member of the county its products in the usual form, with board of Knox county, sells lumber firms or corporations of which a pubwould be under this traine it the and culverts to the county. counties had not received nederal and The above are but a few of the that thereby, in many instances, sales

instances coming to our notice where or its products through the service officials act as agents or sell to the of such firm or corporation in cocounty or township. Other methods are used such as the appointment of the father, brother, brother-in-law, or and on behalf of the particular some other relative as the local agent county, township or municipality through whom sales are consumated, with which such member of said firm These conditions are entirely too or corporation has been or then was prevalent in this state and such officially connected, and that responmethods should not be allowed to dent has also, in many instances continue, and should be strongly where a public official has been en-condemned and not allowed to pre- gaged in his community in the sale

of machinery or some kindred line of We wish to especially call your business, retained such official for attention to Docket No. 436, Federal the sale of its products in such comcommission against Galion munity; and thereby respondent has, Works and Manufacturing in many instance, been enabled

through the services of such official, conhpany. Plage 18 shows that W. C. O'Brien, to sell its product to the governing clerk of Highland township. Adams body of which he was then a mem-county, placed an order with B. C. ber, and has paid the regular dealer's Largabee, salesman. At the bottom commission for such service."

of the page, Mr. Larrabee makes the statehent that there is a commission on the order. Page 19 shows that this commission is payable to W. C. O'Brien of Juniata, Neb. Because of the above stiplation of facts, the copies of orders and claims were not introduced as evidence: however, we understand that this the factor of the above stiplation of facts, the copies of orders and claims were not introduced as evidence: however, we understand that this evidence is on file with the federal

trade commission.

as agent. This tractor was used

board asked our division engineer

### Have Paid Them.

Page 21 shows that an order was placed with Mr. Larrabee by S. F. Weeks, Scotia, Neb. Page 22 shows Page 22 shows Weeks, Scotia, Neb. Page 22 shows that Mr. Weeks was at the time county countrissioner of Greeky county, Nebriska. Page 23 states: "Have made arrangements here with

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Trade

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combers of congress from his state on said he was ready for the de-ate with Governor Miller on the it. Lawrence river project, sched-led for tomorrow. Governor Allen has said that he

Western, Neb. Page 28 reads: "Enclosed you will find an order in trouble, he settled with the coun-from Herman Wahl for a Standard ty for the tractor and tendered his

Premier grader. Mr. Wahl is going to set it up and demonstrate it bim-board, which was accepted. self, and if he does he is to receive State Has Assisted Counties in \$50 when the machine is settled for. So please make a notation of this so

Greater Part of Work Done by County Commissioners. that when time for settlement comes

San Francisco Dusiness ned members of the san state senator of the members of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce favored the modification of the Volstead act to permit the use of beer and light wines. in responses received today to a post card referendum. About 2600 replies and demonstrating this machine so the severe includes practically all of the fact of setting up and demonstrating this machine so the severe includes practically all of the fact of the file and when considering county road of the leading business men of the roi April 9 out of the file and referendum. About 2600 replies and the fact to fact the the ter of April 9 out of the file and referendum. About 2600 replies the fact of setting up and demonstrating this machine so the source includes practically all of the fact of the file and the termine the ter of April 9 out of the file and referendum. About 2600 replies the file and the file and the setting this letter take the ter of April 9 out of the file and referendum. About 2600 replies the file and the file and the file and the setting this machine so the source includes practically all of the file and the set of setting up and demonstrating this machine so the source includes practically all of the file and the file and the set of setting up and demonstrating the No. 8 Eng. The coach, which defines the file and the set of setting up and the file and the file and the set of setting up and the file and the file and the set of setting up and the file and the file and the set of setting up and the file and the file and the set of setting up and the file and the file and the set of setting up and the file and the set of setting up and the file and the file and the set of setting up and the file and the set of setting up and the file and the set of setting up and the file and the set of setting up and the file and the set of setting up and the file and the set of the file a

ing legerdemain, among them op-tions for acquiring leases on potashpositions

At 8:45 o'clock, vehicular traffic was diverted from the streets between the palace and the abbey by a force of 8,000 blue-coated and white-gloved police, who lined the royal options over to the Berg company for a consideration of \$100,000, \$70, way crowding watchers back to the curbings. The arrival of the guests, The "first play" of the conspir-ators was to vote themselves \$200,who had to be in their places by 10:30 o'clock, was the first reward for the occupants of the gaily-flagged 000 in stock without any consideration, then to sell the stock and stands

pocket the money, he said. Engineer May Be Witness.

Gorgeously Gowned Women.

ing a brilliant spectacle of the mile

and a half of thoroughfar

ing ticket holders were permitted to pass the police lines. The convey- "Princess M The names of A. L. Kriess, en-gineer and general manager of the ances put down at the abbey doors proposed plant at Merriman, Neb.; one Collins, and one La Flesche, who shared in stock gifts, were mentioned. Kriess will be the chief from their tiaras, necklaces and government witness, it is underbracelets. Their escorts were re-

J. M. Parsons, chief counsel for splendent, in service dress or the velvet breeches, white silk stockings the defense, asked the jury to bear in mind what the potash situation and three-cornered hats of court Tewas at the time the company was galia. Members of the diplomatic

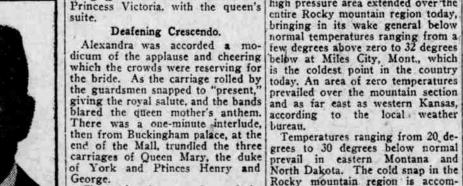
corps were shown their seats by the in its heyday. "Potash was bringing 6 to 22 per master of ceremonies. Outside Buckingham palace, and a cent profit at the time. It bore promise of 50 to 100 per cent profit few moments later, about the abbey, military guards of honor took up a month, if the war lasted. A mistheir positions, forming a line in front of the police, their tall fur shakos take in business judgment does not mean an intent to defraud." Newspapermen in whose publicaand scarlet and white uniforms mak-

tions Berg stock-selling advertisements appeared in August, 1918,

State Senator Randall

Chas. H. Randall

peting from the mounted escort her-alded the departure of the two carin Race for Governor riages from Marlborough house, carrying Queen Mother Alexandra and



Cheers for these members of the royal family had scarcely abated among the elbowing masses now tiptoeing in their expectancy, when from that portion of the route near-

est the palace door yard, the cheers swelled to a deafening crescendo as the gilded glass coach bearing the Princess Mary and her father rumbled through the bronze gates. Before the coach and the twe trailing carriages bearing the prin-cess' ladies in waiting and the king's

attendants had reached the entrance RANDOLPH to the Mall, the cheering had spread

legislation and is expected to defend glass sides, through which the fea- publican primary. April 1, for the the plan in his campaign. (Turn to Page Four, Column One. full congressional term.

London, Feb. 28.—(By A. P.)— Princess Mary's "honeymoon spe-cial" was prepared to leave London with the bride and bridegroom for and the station has been gaily deco-The little village of Shifnal is rine and fisheries, and by Senator Shifnal, Shropshire, at 4 o'clock this rated. It has been arranged that the soungest "Mary" in Shifnal shall

present a bouquet to the princess im-The railway officials arranged nonstop journey. It was planned to mediately after the latter has alight-have the 138 miles being covered at e. from the train. an average speed of between 50 and Along the five-mile route from the

Shifnal station to Weston park, the 60 miles an hour, the train only slowresidence of the earl of Bradford, ing down at important centers to let Only motors and carriages bear- the crowds obtain a fleeting glimpse where the couple spend the first part of their honeymoon, a guard of "Princess Mary" was the name of honor formed by ex-service men

the locomotive assigned to draw the will be stationed. streams of gorgeously-gowned wo- train, which consisted of the queen's A suite of rooms in Weston hal men, myriads of diamonds, sapphires salon and two other carriages from has been set aside for the couple's and other precious stones flashing from the royal train. It was planned use. The princess' boudoir is finished in sage green and gold and in to have no other occupants aboard the train except the couple's maid it is much old china, principally

and valet and railway officials. Dresden.

### Texas Panhandle Is in **England** Terminates Grip of Big Snow Storm

The merchant marine committee is expected to report the bill to the house without much delay. The sen-

ate committee also is certain to take favorable action. The bills probably will pass in congress at the present session.

Comments by members of congress indicated that the legislation might not encounter quite so much opposi (Turn to Page Four, Column Fire.)

> Free Staters Have 6 Majority in Dail

Dublin, Feb. 28 .- (By A. P.)-Shortly after the Dail Eireann reassembled today a division was taken Protectorate in Egypt

This was the first show of strength

Amarillo, Tex., Feb. 28 .- The Pan-London, Feb. 28 .- (By A. P.)between the republicans and free handle plains region, embracing Prime Minister Lloyd George an- staters, and it was taken as an indicastern New Mexico and Panhandle nounced in the house of commons cation that the party led by Arthur of Tayas is in the grin of one of the this afternoon that the Pailink and Michael Collins has a of Texas is in the grip of one of the this afternoon that the British pro- working majority of six.

worst snow storms of years. tectorate over Egypt has been ter-

the crowds until, at 11 o'clock, trum- half inches, with a temperature of MacNider "Satisfied"

Deafening Crescendo. Alexandra was accorded a mo-few degrees above zero to 32 degrees actment of the legislation. Mr. MacNider and John Thomas as audita querela, a procedure which

Taylor, legislative agent of the le- permits invoking of common law today. An area of zero temperatures gion, who accompanied the com- pleadings as a ground for the admis-prevailed over the mountain section mander, declared on leaving the sion of new evidence after statutory the guardsmen snapped to "present," prevailed over the mountain section mander, declared on leaving the sion of new evidence after statt giving the royal salute, and the bands and as far east as western Kansas, White House that they were "per- procedure has been exhausted. fectly satisfied." There will be no Santa Fe Freight Official

Forecast.

Highest Tuesday.

delay in the passage of the soldiers' Temperatures ranging from 20 de-grees to 30 degrees below normal prevail in eastern Montana and bonus legislation, the legion repre-sentatives declared, adding that the president "was heart and soul with North Dakota. The cold snap in the the American Legion" and that he understood fully its position. Rocky mountain region is accompanied by snow.

9.000 Cases of Influenza

**Reported** in California Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 28 .- More than 9,000 cases of influenza in California for last week have been reported to the state board of health, it was announced today by Dr. Walter M. Dickie, secretary of the board, who, however, expressed the opinion that the epidemic was reaching its "peak."

#### Daughter Would Succeed Father in Seat in Congress

Springfield, Ill.; Feb. 28.-Mrs. Winifred Mason Huck of Chicago oday filed her petition as a candi-ate for congressman-at-large to omplete the unexpired term of her Winifred Mason Huck of Chicago today filed her petition as a candidrowned in the cries and applause. date for congressman-at-large to The coach, which derives its name complete the unexpired term of her from the place where it was built, late father, William E. Mason. Mrs. has a high seat with spacious plate Huck is also a candidate in the re-

freight committee, died today in the German Evangelical Deaconess' hospital of bronchial pneumonia. Mr Barnwell for nearly 30 years was identified with the Santa Fe coast lines, comprising all the lines of the Santa Fe system west of Albuquer-que, N, M. He was born on April 13, 1865, in Danville, Que.

Dies in Chicago Hospital

Kausas and Oklahoma Wheat **Fields Get Needed Moisture** Kansas City, Feb. 28 .-- The great wheat belt of Kansas and Oklahoma which needed moisture most,

got the very best of last night's snow, which, according to reports reaching the local weather bureau, was continuing in many places to-

Shippers' Bulletina.
Protect shipments during the next 24 snow extended into the Texas Pan-to 25 hours from temperatures as fol-tower: North. 19 degrees below: south, zero.
day.
From Dodge City the heaviest snow extended into the Texas Pan-handle, P. Connor, weather fore-caster, said.

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Wednesday fair and warmer,

Chicago, Feb. 28 .- W. G. Barn-well, assistant freight traffic manager of the Santa Fe system, with Mr. Taylor said they did not dis- headquarters in San Francisco, who cuss with the president any plan for had been in Chicago attending a meeting of the transcontinental The Weather

Cold in Rockies. Denver, Colo., Feb. 28.—A cold, high pressure area extended over the entire Rocky mountain region today, bringing in its wake general below President Harding on the bonus sit- that the superior court was in error

