

Technical School Is Big Expense

Many Question Adviseability of Modern Conveniences in Building Costing About \$3,500,000.

Taxes Must Pay the Bill

At a place for pilgrims, on one of these bright spring days, is the site of Omaha's new Technical High school.

The building sprawls over two blocks of land, in five wings. It stretches 600 feet long and about 300 feet wide.

This splendid high school building will belong to the people of Omaha, but there will be a mortgage on it, bonds one day to be paid off by taxes.

There is right now a clash of opinion over who rubbed the lamp of Aladdin, and whether it was rubbed in the wrong direction.

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Davis Reports Better Business Conditions. Washington, April 2.—Acting Director Davis of the war finance corporation.

Up to March 31, the statement said, the corporation had approved loans aggregating \$322,825,697, of which \$214,187,761 was to banks.

Bank deposits have increased in many agricultural communities and the country banks are generally in a stronger position than they have been for a long time.

Losses 20,000-Acre Ranch. Alliance, Neb., April 2.—(Special.)—Edward Brass and A. L. Van Adams, prominent western Nebraska cattlemen, have leased the Willis Beck ranch of 20,000 acres near Alliance.

Proposed Beatrice Hotel. Lease to May Company. Beatrice, Neb., April 2.—The Beatrice Hotel company, which is soon to begin the erection of a \$300,000 hotel here, has secured a 20-year lease with the May Hotel company.

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Claim French Croesus Has Sinister Power in Britain

Accusation Made in House of Commons That Mysterious Sir Basil Zaharoff Has Influence Over English Government—Has Immense Fortune.

By The Associated Press. Paris, April 2.—Sir Basil Zaharoff, little known to the public, but credited among the informed as mysteriously powerful and fabulously rich, made one of his rare appearances in the news recently through an accusation in the house of commons that he is exercising a "sinister influence" on the British government.

Red hats which became popular with feverish rapidity among French women, seem destined to vanish in equal haste, although the grandstand at the Auteuil races last Sunday looked like a field of poppies.

One duchess now is wearing a girland of fresh flowers, matching the color of her dress, set on black velvet. The flowers are changed several times in the course of an evening at an expense of about 1,000 francs.

A lessening in the vogue of public dancing is strengthening the fashion of wearing ankle length gowns. Large "barbaric" earrings are developing to a point where they almost touch the shoulders.

Wants Poets Well Fed. Ezra Pound, an American poet living in Paris, believes that better poetry can be written by the well-fed than the starving genius.

The members of the College of France, when they invited Prof. Albert Einstein to visit Paris to lecture on his theory of relativity, were much concerned over the reception he might meet.

Former Emperor Met Death Calmly. Body of Charles Lays in House Which Was Ex-Emperor's Home.

San Francisco, April 2.—Roscoe C. Fitch, a prominent San Francisco attorney, is expected to tell his own story of the happenings at the Hotel St. Francis party in which he is alleged to have fatally injured Miss Virginia Rappe, motion picture actress, counsel for Arbuckle.

Tomorrow's first witness will be Fred Fischbach, roommate of Arbuckle during the party, whose cross-examination began Saturday. It was announced Saturday that the testimony of Jesse Norgaard, a prosecution witness, also would be introduced.

It was learned that Charles had been ill for 10 days before a physician was called to attend him.

Vienna, April 2.—(By A. P.)—No official recognition of the death of former Emperor Charles thus far has been given by the republic.

Chicago, April 2.—Judge Michael L. McKinley imposed sentences of life imprisonment in the penitentiary upon Ira D. Perry, jr., son of the millionaire inventor of the Perry auto lock, and Joseph Shean. They were both members of the notorious Devon gang.

Woman Throws Plate at Man Peeping in Window. "Jack the Peeper" almost got hit in the head last night.

Motorcyclist Injured at Railroad Crossing. Beatrice, Neb., April 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Charles Roberts of Ashland, Neb., was seriously, if not fatally hurt when his motorcycle went into the ditch at the Union Pacific crossing near Cortland.

Grants Workers Reject New Working Agreement. Boston, April 2.—(By A. P.)—Union granite workers in 18 New England centers rejected a two-year working agreement entailing a 20 per cent wage reduction and announced that they would not resume until a new contract was signed.

Jap Consul Injured. San Francisco, April 2.—The condition of S. Yada, Japanese consul general injured last night in an automobile accident, was reported improved today.

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The prospect of a long drawn out strike with the miners at a disadvantage, and reference to the graves of scores who have been starved in previous strikes, was pointed out by Fox.

Our outlook is anything but good today," he said. "There are thousands of tons of coal on top of the ground."

The miners of Illinois don't know where they are going. Illinois is 100 per cent organized and is the backbone of the United Mine Workers of America.

Mr. Fox mentioned the fact that one conference had been held, and operators of the state, but said the miners' committee decided a separate state agreement, which would mean withdrawal from the strike, should not be made "at this time."

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About 1,500 open shop pits were still working. They are in non-union territory, which in all has been producing about 40 per cent of the coal output.

John L. Lewis, international president, declares the suspension of work is "100 per cent efficient" by the 515,000 union members, while nearly 100,000 nonunion members have been thrown out of the work.

London, April 2.—According to a dispatch to the London Times from Riga, dated Saturday, messages have been received from the Latvian capital to the effect that the Moscow soviet will make the following demands at the Genoa conference:

Recognition of the soviet merchant flag, unrestricted use of foreign ports, and the handing over of all Russian ships. It will be claimed that 60 per cent of Russia's prewar shipping was in foreign ports and if any of it has been lost it shall be replaced.

In event the Dardanelles become neutral, the soviet government will seek participation in the international control of the waterway.

Burlington to Add 60 Men for Alliance Division. Alliance, Neb., April 2.—(Special.)—Effective immediately, approximately 60 men will be added to the Burlington payroll on the Alliance division, extending from Deadwood, S. D., to Ravenna, Neb. All of them will have given employment in the maintenance of way department and work will start with a full force as soon as weather conditions will permit.

Bishop Stunts Telling of Negro Housing Problem. Newark, N. J., April 2.—Negroes who have migrated into the north since 1915 outnumber the Jews who "went out of Egypt under Moses," it was asserted by Bishop Homer C. Stunts of Omaha, at the Newark conference of the Methodist Episcopal church here tonight.

Grain Association at Leigh, Nebraska, Incorporated. Leigh, Neb., April 2.—(Special.)—Articles of incorporation for an organization to buy and sell the grain of this community have been filed and directors and officers of the association chosen.

Aged Man Anphyziated. Los Angeles, April 2.—George H. Ackerman, 75, a retired business man of New York city, was found dead from asphyziation in a room of a house where he was visiting here. The police pronounced it a case of suicide.

Exhibition Shot By a Former Champion



Western Welcome Given Dr. Fast at First Sermon

Members of the congregation of the First Methodist church gave their new pastor, Dr. J. W. G. Fast, a true western welcome yesterday morning, when he preached his first sermon, "The Supremacy of Christ in the Modern World."

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Washington, April 2.—President Harding was urged, in a letter sent to him by the American civil liberties union, to set up a new agency for passing on applications for executive clemency.

Washington, April 2.—Retail food costs continued to decrease in all of the 16 principal American cities where observations are maintained by the Labor department during the month ending March 15, according to the monthly report.

Washington, April 2.—(Special.)—The case of Oklahoma tenant farmers, now in jail, "who, according to the attorney general, murdered officials of the government," declared that investigators for the union say they personally have interviewed the sheriff and deputy sheriff whose murder was alleged by the Department of Justice, long after the farmers were in jail.

Portuguese Flyers Delay Resumption of Flight Lisbon, April 2.—(By A. P.)—Owing to high winds and a rough sea on the Canary islands, the Portuguese flyers, Captain Coutinho and Sacadura, postponed their intended start from the vicinity of Las Palmas for the Cape Verde islands on the second leg of their flight to Rio Janeiro.

Hot Fight on Navy Cut Predicted

Massachusetts Congressman Says Reduction to 65,000 Would Put U. S. Below 5-3 Ratio.

Madden to Support Plan

Washington, April 2.—The forthcoming fight in the house over the proposal of the appropriations committee to reduce the navy personnel to 65,000 promises to be a spectacular battle.

Representative Rogers, Massachusetts, came out today with a broadside against the recommendation which he said would "reduce America to a position of inferiority in the five-five-three ratio provided in the navy limitation treaty and, make the United States a third rate naval power."

Representative Madden, Illinois, chairman of the appropriations committee, says he will demonstrate that 65,000 men are all that are needed to man the ships the navy intends to keep in commission and to operate shore establishments.

While Mr. Denby contends that 96,000 men are indispensable to maintain the navy without impairing the five-five-three ratio, Mr. Madden says he will show that there are 20,000 men "lost somewhere in the navy" whom the secretary was unable to locate to the satisfaction of the committee.

It means that we can maintain in commission only 12 capital ships instead of the 18 allowed the United States by the navy treaty of February 6, I had supposed—and I think it was generally supposed—that when the United States agreed to reduce its capital ship force to 18 it was making a very considerable sacrifice which was naturally permissible only because the other world powers were also limiting themselves in proportion.

It means that instead of the 5-5-3 ratio established in the naval treaty we shall have the new fiscal year, a 2-1-2-5-3 ratio with the United States representing the 2-1-2, Great Britain the 5 and Japan the 3.

It means that in point of naval effectiveness the treaty ratio of 5-5-3 is cut exactly in two, so far as the United States is concerned, the other powers of course remaining undisturbed.

It means that the United States automatically becomes the third naval power of the world instead of one of the two powers pre-eminent in naval strength.

It means that the United States will stand before the world self convicted of insipidity. The world thought and this country thought that we were sincere in proposing a drastic cut in our naval force, far below what we would have contemplated had not the other powers agreed to make corresponding reductions.

Now we propose to turn about and cut the Hughes irreducible minimum in half, in spite of the fact that our naval rivals are naturally proposing to maintain their navies up to the exact treaty quota.

Stillman Case to Open in Montreal, April 10. Omaha, Neb., April 2.—Examination of 51 defense witnesses in the Stillman suit will start on April 10 in Montreal, before Commissioner Eugene H. Godin, K. C. It was said, after a scheduled proceeding before Supreme Court Justice Morschauer at Poughkeepsie was postponed because of illness.

At the same time it was said that the hearing in the suit set for Tuesday before Referee Daniel J. Gleason at Poughkeepsie, probably would be deferred until the completion of the Canadian testimony, which probably will take a week or 10 days. Some difficulty is expected in bringing the witness from the woods to the Windsor hotel in Montreal, due to weather conditions.

Fleet Corporation to Sell Holdings at Bristol, Pa. Washington, April 2.—The emergency fleet corporation's entire holdings at the plant of the Merchant Shipbuilding corporation at Harrisburg, Bristol, Pa., will be sold at auction April 24 to 27, the shipping board announced today. The sale will be held on the ground.

At the completion of the sale, the government's property will be moved from the yard and the real estate will revert to the original owners.

Factory at Monroe, Mich. Destroyed. Monroe, Mich., April 2.—The plant of the Weis Fibre Container corporation here was destroyed by fire this afternoon with a loss of about \$100,000.

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