

Naval Bill Reported to House

Measure Would Cut Enlisted Personnel to 65,000—Budget 181,000,000 Less Than Last Year.

Carries Out 5-5-3 Ratio

Washington, April 8.—The 1923 naval bill, carrying out the 5-5-3 ratio, was reported today to the house.

It carries a total of \$223,224,000, or \$181,000,000 less than appropriated last year.

Out of the 67,000 enlisted personnel it provides for 50,000 for ships afloat.

Provides for the same number of officers in marine corps and 19,500 enlisted men, a reduction of less than 1,000.

Representative Kelley of Michigan, chairman of the subcommittee on appropriations which framed and reported the bill, made public with the bill the following statement, explaining its provisions.

Ratio Not Disturbed.—"The bill reported to the house today carries an appropriation for the coming fiscal year of \$233,224,000.

Three important reasons form the basis of this great reduction.

Ford Says Union Leaders 'Sold Out to Interests'

Toledo, O., April 8.—Shown Chicago dispatches quoting Edward J. Evans, vice president of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, as saying he was "confering a curse on his workers" by highly specializing work done at his factory.

Governor's Proclamation Sets Aside Clean-Up Week

Lincoln, April 8.—(Special.)—Gov. McKelvie today issued a proclamation setting aside the week of April 10-15 as clean-up week.

Rail Commission Will Not Attend Chicago Hearing

Lincoln, April 8.—(Special.)—Elmer Munson was found guilty of violation of the federal prohibition act by a jury in federal court here.

Equitable Failure Stirs London Financial Circles

Chairman Flees to Paris in Airplane—Daily Mail Offers Reward for Arrest—Vast Sum Invested in Ranches in Brazil—Total Loss Is Large.

By The Associated Press. London, April 8.—Revelations concerning the recent disastrous failure of the City Equitable Fire Insurance company, whose chairman, Gerald Bevan, disappeared in an airplane for Paris when the bankruptcy was announced, have stirred London financial circles deeply.

Apparently it was the old story of trusting to one man, considered a business genius, all the power of the concern—power which is explained here as being used for financial jugglery on a large scale.

Director Milligan told the meeting that when the revelations began in January "we found to our amazement that our profound regret that we had been duped and misled and that a considerable part of the assets of the company had disappeared."

Light Operas Reviewed. The most remarkable event in London's theatrical season has been the revival of the Gilbert and Sullivan operas.

Slayer of Army Aviator Tells His Story at Inquest

Wealthy Oil Operator Says Lieut. Col. Beck Had Long Been Friend of Family.

By The Associated Press. Oklahoma City, Okla., April 8.—Holding that Jean P. Day, prominent attorney and oil man, was justified in the killing of Lieut. Col. Paul Ward Beck at the Day home early last Tuesday, a coroner's jury returned a verdict here tonight recommending that no charges be preferred against Day.

Courthouse, Oklahoma City, Okla., April 8.—Jean P. Day, wealthy oil operator, waiving all immunity, took the stand at the coroner's inquest here early this evening and related how he killed Lieut. Col. Paul Ward Beck in his home early last Tuesday morning.

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Money and labor spent in this way is a good investment and will bring rich returns, both as to increased value of property and satisfaction derived from comfortable surroundings.

Violator of U. S. Dry Law Lincoln, April 8.—(Special.)—Elmer Munson was found guilty of violation of the federal prohibition act by a jury in federal court here.

Read the real estate news in the "Want" Ad section today

17th and Farnam AT 10:00

National Expense Is Problem

Watchdog Must Shop Billions From Budget to Be Recognized.

Is Being Aided by Dawes

By ARTHUR SEARS HENNING. Omaha Bee Local Wire. Washington, April 8.—Watchdogs of the treasury we have had, such as William S. Holman and Uncle Joe Cannon, but none whose task approached in magnitude that of the latest of the line—Representative Martin B. Madden, Illinois, chairman of the house appropriations committee.

Where his predecessors won fame by paring millions from the budget, Mr. Madden must chop billions off the national expense account to earn even honorable mention.

Helped by Dawes. Mr. Madden's task has been made easier by another Illinois man, Gen. C. G. Dawes, director of the new budget system, who has gone the other way, increasing the revenue of the government.

Thirteen Killed in Texas Storm

Reports From Stricken Area Meager—Property Damage Probably Heavy.

Dallas, Tex., April 8.—Deaths in the storm numbered 13, according to reports from various north central Texas and south central Oklahoma points at 1 o'clock.

File Edgerton Petition for University Regent

Lincoln, April 8.—(Special Telegram.)—A petition calling for Frank E. Edgerton of Aurora to be a non-political candidate for university regent was filed today in the office of the secretary of state.

Six Hawkeye and Cornhusker Swains Answer Plea of Eastern Miss for Mate

City Clerk C. F. Bossie is confident he will succeed in finding a husband for the Providence (R. I.) miss who wrote a few days ago for aid in her matrimonial quest for a western mate.

"Happyland" The Bee's Sunday page for the children is the last page of Section Three of this issue.

Everybody Ought to Feel Improved



Pro-Treaty Meets Banned by Chief Of De Valera Force

Third Division Commander of Republican Army Issues Order—Griffith Meeting Hit.

Dublin, April 8.—(By A. P.)—Commandant Gen. Pilkington, commanding the third division of the Irish republican army and acting under the executive appointed by the recent insurgent army convention, has prohibited all public meetings in his area, says the Irish Independent.

Errors in Notices. Dublin, April 8.—(By A. P.)—Commandant Rory O'Connor of the staff of the independent Irish republican army, stated today that the notice issued yesterday prohibiting publication of any matter relating to the army unless it was first submitted to the publicity department was sent in error to the English and foreign correspondents.

Sister of Ax Slayer Victims Poisoned by Cup of Water

Concordia, Kan., April 8.—Rose Bachand, 10-year-old daughter of Joseph Bachand, was seriously ill last night with symptoms of poisoning, according to physicians.

WHERE TO FIND THE BIG FEATURES OF THE SUNDAY BEE

Absent Banker Elected Mayor of David City by Writing in Name—Page 4.

THE WEATHER Forecast. Sunday—Rain and colder.

Officer Slashed by Crazy Woman

Wounded in Subduing Trolley Passenger Who Threw Car in Terror.

A woman, said by the police to have been crazed with "moonshining" whiskey, yesterday afternoon terrorized passengers of a west-bound Cuming street trolley car and cut a policeman, Robert Bowers, with a knife when he attempted to take her from the car at Eighteenth street.

Attempts at Harmony. London, April 8.—Reports persist of attempts to harmonize the rival Irish parties. The Dublin correspondent of the London Times understands an earnest effort is being made to arrange some sort of modus vivendi between the free state and republican leaders during the next two months.

1,100 Men and 52 Officers Leave U. S. Rhine Rangers

Coblenz, April 8.—Six more units of the American forces in Germany said farewell to Europe today, 1,100 men and 52 officers leaving Antwerp on the steamship Cantigny.

Burglars Get \$1,000 Loot From Haberdashery Store

Over \$1,000 worth of shoes and men's furnishings were stolen from the C. J. Carlson haberdashery store at 1514 North Twenty-fourth street some time after midnight Friday night.

Exerciser Men Are Urged for Postmasters by McLaughlin

Washington, D. C., April 8.—(Special Telegram.)—Last week was exerciser men's week for Congressman McLaughlin. He recommended five world war veterans for postmasters in his district.

Little Girl Kidnaped at Ashland

Police Searching for Wealthy Young Farmer, Father of Child, Who Took Her From Grandparents.

Mother Is Frantic Here

While police of three states spent a watchful night seeking the arrest of Minor Durell, 22, Ashland, Neb., late of Denver, on a charge of kidnaping his daughter Geraldine, 5, his estranged wife, Mrs. Bertha Durell, spent a sleepless night in Omaha. The couple separated a year ago.

Grandmother Gives Alarm. Mrs. Jardine witnessed the kidnaping from a front window. It took only a few seconds, she said.

Mother Conducts Long Campaign to Free Her Son

Mrs. Margaret Erickson Back From Walk to Washington En Route to Leavenworth—Son War Veteran.

Fremont, Neb., April 8.—(Special Telegram.)—"I won't give up. I'll just keep trying and trying and maybe I'll have my boy out soon," was the determined statement made by Mrs. Margaret Erickson, 63, who started out from Fremont on foot today headed for Leavenworth, Kan., where she hopes to secure the release of her stepson, Joe Anderson, 21, wounded veteran of the A. E. F.

Kinkaid Makes Fight to Keep Land Offices

Washington, April 8.—(Special Telegram.)—"Uncle Mose" Kinkaid, making a last ditch fight to save the Alliance and Broken Bow land offices Saturday, filed a bill in the house which would authorize the continuance of these offices.

Guard Liner Leviathan

Washington, April 8.—Unusual precautions have been taken to guard the safety of the giant ocean liner Leviathan on its trip from New York to Newport News to be reconditioned at the plant of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock company.

Postmasters by McLaughlin

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Beatrice Newspaper Man Files for State Senate

Beatrice, Neb., April 8.—(Special Telegram.)—F. B. Fulton, city editor of the Beatrice Daily Express and a newspaper correspondent of this city, filed today as a republican candidate for state senator from the Sixteenth senatorial district, comprising the counties of Gage and Pawnee.