

TO CLEAN UP STATE HOUSE SUB-BASEMENT

Executive Council Decides Kansas Must Obey the Law.

The Capitol Will Be Patrolled by Fire Guards.

To Be No Censoring of Films Until All Legal Requirements Are Complied With.

Bills for Removing Rubbish Will Be Asked For.

Rubbish piles in the state house sub-basement are to be cleaned up. The building is to be patrolled by fire guards. Pictures will be censored in theaters only when proper fire protection is afforded. Those were decisions today of the state executive council. Members of the council nearly missed their noon hour in deciding the issues, but the vote was final and immediately effective.

Five of the six members of the state executive council met during today's session and the idea that the state should observe a few of her own laws was apparent in expressions of several of the members. There was a unanimous vote among the members when a proposition was submitted to clean up the sub-basement of the state house and to lodge as many fire risks as possible. The only question was amenable funds with which to do the work. Members finally agreed that funds of the council would be used—possibly Governor Capper will himself draw on his contingent fund—and the cleanup or cleanup will start immediately.

For an hour, though, members of the council fought over methods of a fire patrol. Under an electric alarm system, night watchmen are expected to register from each of the nine boxes each hour. It means a hourly check from the sub-basement to the fifth floor of the building and S. M. Young and C. W. Miller, watchmen, threatened to resign if a hourly check is forced. They simply could not stand the work, they declared. Besides, it was urged, the state house had never been freed from a fire and unnecessary precaution at this time seemed unreasonable and entirely out of the question.

Hours Were Too Long.
The original plan provided that registrations be made each hour from 10 o'clock at night until 6 o'clock in the morning. The working schedule provided that the watchmen give 13 hours service to the state seven days a week, 24 days a month. It was too much and the watchmen complained bitterly. The council was sorry. Finally they reduced the time to eleven hours a day, starting at six o'clock and quitting at 5 o'clock.

Earl Akers, state treasurer, proposed that the watchmen be given every two hours. J. T. Botkin, secretary of state, voted with Akers. But the Akers-Botkin combination could get no further strength.

W. E. Davis, state auditor, offered a substitute to provide for hourly registration from five boxes. W. D. Ross, state superintendent of public instruction, seconded the motion. Governor Capper, who presided, voted for the substitute and the motion was carried. The original program prevailed—less two hours a day for watchmen.

Members of the council spent 20 minutes in a discussion of the proper quarters for censoring motion pictures. Superintendent Ross denied that he was trying to force inspection of the films in the sub-basement of the state house without adequate fire protection. It was then admitted that 100 would be required to equip proper quarters. Some members objected to this expense. As a result the inspection of films in the state house is yet a matter of uncertainty. One thing is certain, however. The state has decided to observe her own laws if the work is done under the capitol dome.

It is probable that \$175 or \$200 will be spent at once in cleaning up the sub-basement. Bills on the work will be asked at once.

S. M. Brewster, attorney general, did not attend the meeting. He is in Coffeyville.

BIG Y. W. C. A. PARTY

Nearly 1,300 Women and Girls Expected to Attend.

Nearly 1,300 women and girls will get together at the Y. W. C. A. membership party next Friday evening. To enable the old members to meet the three hundred and more new members of the association added since the first of the year in the purpose of the party. To provide proper entertainment for the Y. W.'s no expense or trouble has been spared, according to Miss Dodge, of the association, who is in charge of the entertainment. Attractions like Anna Pavlova and Al G. Field's minstrels—according to the program—have been secured for the occasion.

The complete program is as follows: Town band—Miss Marian Erskine, Miss Mamie Hammond, Miss Hazel Clark, Miss Lavelette Barringer, Miss Jeanette Ortmann, Miss Tava Elliott, Miss Jennie Maxwell, Miss Clara Schmitt, Miss Helen Chinchell, Miss Charlotte Keller, Miss May McNew, Miss Hazel Graves, Miss Edna Atwell, Kiltarney girls—Miss Mayme Mitchell and Miss Ilian Mechem in Irish songs.

Anna Pavlova—By Miss Florence Mowrer in solo dance.

Dr. Cure All—A 2-act comedy given by Y. W. C. A. Dramatic club.

Misses Doris McAllister, Roxanna Proctor, Helen Campbell, Dorothy Blotom, Edna Bell, Josephine Schreiber, Margjorie Hayes, Lela Miller, Florence McFroom, Anieta Lovel; coach—Miss Mildred Coover.

Selection by band.

Whistling Rufus—Miss Florence Fair in whistling solo.

Al G. Field's Greatest Minstrel—By Misses Florence Mowrer, Julia Keller, Velma Swearingen, Josephine Cramer, Dorothy Licht, Lillian Mechem, Mayme Mitchell, Carrie Coffman, Martha Wetzel, Clara Gwarynne, Iona Carver, Doris McAllister.

"My lawyer is devoted to dogs." "Now I would think a lawyer would be more inclined to the feline species."—Baltimore American.

COSTA RICAN BEAUTY FETED BY SOCIETY



Miss Maria Crespi, of San Jose, Costa Rica, was honored guest of the Costa Rican minister at Washington. She is a typical Latin-American beauty.

LOCAL MENTION

Economy Express Co. Phone 1050. Adv.

Father and son will banquet together Tuesday evening, May 2, at the First Presbyterian church. All boys from 12 to 30 years of age in the church are expected, according to the committee in charge. Those who are directing the banquet are F. M. Wright, J. A. McClure, J. T. Shaw, R. L. Thomas, Dr. R. S. Magee.

Framing and silvering. Coe, 228 Kansas Ave.—Adv.

Mrs. Kelly's Bible class of the First Christian church will meet at the home of Mrs. F. P. Lucas, 391 Lincoln street, next Friday afternoon at 2:30.

Lucas Screen paint. Miller & Gillespie, 323 Kansas Ave. Phone 955.—Adv.

The high school tennis tournament for the championship of the high school was held this afternoon at the Y. M. C. A. courts. The tournament was in charge of H. N. Knapp of the Central Y. M. C. A.

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The Junior class will give its annual "stun" at assembly at the high school tomorrow morning.

The primaries for the nomination of a May Queen for the Washburn May fete, Saturday, May 13, were held Wednesday. Today it was announced that the following girls of the senior class had received the highest number of votes and were declared the three candidates for the honor: (Miss Ella Waldron, Miss Luella Chandler and Miss Mildred Tamorrow. Tomorrow the election of the May queen will take place.

For Sewer Pipe, Phone 865. J. B. Whelan & Co.—Adv.

The sophomore class of the high school will have charge of a May fete Monday morning at the high school at 10 o'clock.

Safety razor blades sharpened better than new, 25c-35c doz. Brunst Drug Co.—Adv.

A gospel meeting was held this noon at the Santa Fe shops under the direction of the Rev. J. H. Crockett.

F. A. Koester, D. D. S., 719 Mills Bldg. Special attention given to pyorrhea and oral prophylaxis.—Adv.

The Rev. M. L. Robey will speak in the new mill tomorrow noon.

The Rev. Edgar Smith will conduct a gospel meeting at the Telegraph school tomorrow morning at 10:45.

The Brotherhood Bible class of the Q. E. B.'s of the First United Brethren church will entertain the ladies' charity program at the Philanthropies in the church parlors tomorrow evening. An informal reception from 7:30 to 8 will be held. All members of these classes are requested to be present. It is announced.

President Parley P. Womer, of Washburn college, has returned to Topeka after winding up the endowment campaign in Salina. The campaign is progressing smoothly. The collector of the State Journal today "We are making steady progress." The conduct of the campaign in Salina took less time than was expected, according to President Womer, but the amount secured was thoroughly satisfactory.

President Womer refuses to make public the amount secured to date, remarking that the exact progress of the campaign will be made public at the trustees' meeting in June.

To a jury in the court of Topeka has been checked up the proposition of determining whether or not Arthur White of Russellville represented as sound a horse which he sold to Ed White of Russellville. The horse, it is alleged, is suffering from the

NEW LAW NEEDED

Public Demands Legislation to Fit Bissell Case.

Legislature Will Be Called Upon to Act.

SEN. TROUTMAN FAVORS BILL

Will Champion Measure for Public Safety.

Increasing Sentiment for Most Effective Enactment.

Members of the state legislature will next winter be called upon to enact a law, as a public safeguard against repetitions of crimes similar to the assault and murder of Edna Dinsmore. The bill has been offered during several recent sessions but lacked a positive support sufficient to insure its enactment. Senator James A. Troutman today declared emphatically in favor of a law with adequate safeguards, but sufficiently effective to meet cases such as have this week aroused every home in Topeka.

In 1913 an effort was made to adopt a law providing for sterilization of certain classes of criminals. Legislators unfriendly to the bill loaded it down with objectionable amendments and it was at no time close to final passage. In 1915 the legislature met to the committee on public safety. The bill was quietly resting in the popular winter resort when the legislature adjourned last in March.

With revolutions of details of the crime against Edna Dinsmore this week, Topeka and Kansas suddenly developed a new and formerly unneeded demand for adequate law for handling of persons such as committed the offense against the school girl. The law, with adequate safeguards, would be a public safety measure. In the case of Bissell, his record prior to the death of the Topeka girl, would have been sufficient to invoke operation of such a law.

Troutman Will Back It.
Senator James A. Troutman of Topeka, will probably be one of the strong advocates of such an act before the 1917 legislature. He will insist, however, on a measure that is properly safeguarded, but with adequate protection to the public against degenerates.

"I would have supported a sound sterilization law in the last legislature had I been given a chance to vote for such a bill," said Senator Troutman today. "The measure, though, was never brought before the body of the legislature."

In a statement today Senator Troutman urged a law that would "make the punishment fit the crime." "The sterilization of degenerates not only makes the punishment fit the crime," but is in the interest of the protection of innocent young girls," said Senator Troutman. "Of course, the law should be so framed as to prevent injustice, and should be applied only to those who are unquestioned, and without extenuating circumstances.

"It is known to all students of criminology that a degenerate rarely stops after the first offense. The application of this remedy would prevent a recurrence of the awful crime," he said, "because in some places the house was badly damaged."

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WANTS IT TORN DOWN

Chief Hanlon Wants Murder Location Rebuilt.

Fire Chief Joe Hanlon was in consultation with officials this morning endeavoring to see what can be done regarding the condition of the house in which little Edna Dinsmore was murdered.

"As it stands now it is a menace, for another crime just like the Dinsmore crime could be committed there, and I am going to see if we cannot either have it condemned and torn down, or rebuilt, so that it can be inhabited. If it should not be allowed to remain in the condition it now is," he said.

"About how long, in your opinion, was the fire burning before the department arrived?" he was asked.

"I would judge that the fire had been burning 45 minutes before we got there," he said, "because in some places the house was badly damaged."

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Oddities Culled From Day's News

Kansas City, Mo.—A long "six shooter" like the frontiersmen used in the days of shooting from the hip, and worn by a schoolboy, was the property of Harry Younger, ex-bandit, to Harry Hoffman, chief deputy county marshal.

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Water Boozing Is So Popular Ask Lower Rates

Seattle, Wash., April 27.—Consumption of water in Seattle hotels has increased to such an extent since the prohibition law went into effect, January 1, that the hotel keepers desire a reduction of their water rates. A petition signed by nineteen of the leading hotels was presented to the city council today asking for a 30 per cent reduction of water rates.

MEXICAN TAX STANDS

Mining Companies Appeal to U. S. Government in Vain.

Washington, April 27.—Representations of American men made through the state department against new Carranza tax levies, have proved unavailing. The tax in gold, regarded by most Americans as excessive, is imposing too great a burden upon them, will stand. This was the answer the state department received today from lengthy negotiations with the de facto authorities.

Back of this fact is the history of the Carranza regime. The de facto government is making a valiant effort to reestablish itself upon a sound monetary basis and it hopes to make particular progress by sharing in the enormous profits of the mines Americans have developed.

DINNER STORIES.

Titan Smythe stood anxiously by as the great art critic bent over his masterpiece. That learned man, having examined the picture from every part of the studio, at last spoke.

"Splendid, my dear sir! I congratulate you on having got so much realism into your work, especially in those days of futurists and such like faddists. The realism and sense of depth that you have got into that impression of a coal mine is, I assure you, my dear sir, one of the best bits of work I have seen for many a day!"

During this speech Titan's face had gradually tipped downward.

"Coal mine?" he roared. "You fat-headed idiot, that's a birdseye view of Blackpool!"

"That is indeed," answered the critic, picking up his hat and walking slowly to the door. "Then I am glad I don't live in Blackpool, and I am even happier to think, sir, that I am not a bird!"

An Irish chaffeur in San Francisco, who had been having trouble with numerous small boys in the neighborhood of his stand, discovered one day on examining his car that there was a dead cat on one of the seats. In his anger he was about to throw the carcass into the street when he espied a policeman.

Holding up the carcass, he exclaimed: "This is how I am insulted. What am I to do with it?"

"You, my dear sir, know? Take it straight to headquarters, and if it is not claimed within a month it becomes your property."

"What's the difference," inquired the landlady, "between a turkey dinner and a mess of stewed prunes?"

"I don't know," replied the solemn boarder.

"In that case," she continued, "I might as well save money and serve prunes."—Louisville Courier-Journal

Customer—I want my hair cut.
Barber—Any special way?
Customer—Yes, off.—American Boy.

"I'm not going to that female barber shop again. There's a rude girl there, don't you know?"

"What did she say?"

"Why, she looked at my mustawh and awaked me if I would have it sponged off or rubbed in."

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WILL ARBITRATE

Railroad Unions and Companies Reach This Decision.

About 100 Engine and Train Men Will Be Present.

Chicago, April 27.—Proposals that questions involving wages and hours of work be submitted to arbitration will be discussed at a series of meetings beginning June 1 at New York city it was decided today at a meeting of representatives of the railroads and of the four employees' unions here. The railroads' side, it was announced will be put forward by a national conference committee of 15 or 20 officials. The makeup of the committee it was given out, probably will be made public in a few days. The men's committee will be appointed later.

W. S. Stone, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, acting as spokesman for the union representatives, said that they would be represented in the New York conference by a representative from among their numbers from each railroad system totaling about 100. Each representative, he said, would take up separately with the railroads' representative from his district the answer given this coming Saturday by the railroads to the demands made upon them by the unions.

Following their individual sessions, according to Mr. Stone, the answer to the demands as a whole will be taken up.

CUPID HAD BUSY DAY

Incidentally So Did Judge Hugh MacFarland of the Probate Court.

Despite the announcement that the probate court would be closed Wednesday to permit Judge MacFarland and his assistants to attend the baseball game, Cupid stayed on the job and neither the judge nor Mrs. Mary Chapin were at Western league park.

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Preparations to close the office for the day were just being completed when Russell Haddell, age 24, of Richmond, and Ada Goff, 17, also of Richmond, appeared and asked for a license. Following issuance of the permit to marry, the couple suggested that the judge might go ahead and complete the job. That settled the ball game.

Shortly after 5 o'clock, Mrs. Chapin, who returned to her home was called. This time Charles Say of Milford, Kan., and Mildred Conrobert, also of Milford, were seeking a license. Mrs. Chapin called Judge MacFarland at his home and the third trip to the court house to help along Mr. Cupid was made.

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THE BUGABOO COMES UP AGAIN

THE LIQUOR QUESTION



\$5,000 Donation to Conscience Fund of U. S.

Washington, April 27.—A \$5,000 contribution to the conscience fund was received today by the treasury department from New York in a letter that gave no clue to its writer. It was one of the big contributions to the fund but the record breaker was one of \$20,000 recently received. The \$5,000 was in 11,000 gold certificates.

SAYS IT'S A PLOT

Senator Censures Recent Letter Shower Campaign.

Kansas Solon Got 67 Today; Demand Investigation.

Washington, April 27.—Senator Huston, Democrat, told the senate today that the American Embargo conference had conducted a campaign in Wisconsin to induce him to support an embargo resolution against shipment of war munitions to Europe. He submitted a thousand letters from Wisconsin citizens which he said emanated from the Chicago headquarters of this organization.

Senator Huston said that thousands of the same deluging congress charging the president with seeking war with Germany, emanated from the embargo conference. He declared there was a "deep laid plot to poison the minds of citizens all over the country with the thought that the president wants war, when every fact gives the lie to such an assertion."

To Probe Propaganda.

The senator submitted to the senate a form letter signed by the American Embargo conference, W. R. McDonald, secretary, sent to citizens of Wisconsin, enclosing forms of other letters to be sent in him urging support of an embargo resolution.

The thousand letters from Wisconsin citizens all were identical he said, and were supplied by the embargo conference. The letter stated that the conference would reimburse the sender for any expense incurred for stamps and urged each recipient to get his neighbors to send copies of the appeal to the senator.

"I received all these letters last February about the time there was considerable discussion on an embargo resolution," Senator Huston explained to the senate. He urged a congressional inquiry to determine exactly who is responsible for the propaganda.

Who's Paying for Them?

"I want to know," the senator continued, "who is paying for a couple of hundred thousand telegrams?"

Senator Thompson of Kansas interrupted to say that today he received 67 telegrams, nineteen of form No. 1, fifteen of No. 2, nine of No. 3, twenty-one of No. 5, and three of No. 6.

Senator Works, Republican, said he had received many telegrams from California, but he felt the subject should be left to the president. He asserted the situation was extremely delicate and solemn.

"Consequently, I am astonished that any senator should make such a speech as we have listened to and I believe the senator might well be admonished to silence as he has admonished the senders of these telegrams," added Senator Works.

Senator Pomorene of Ohio also expressed his disapproval of the telegrams and Senator Sherman announced he had 4,000 telegrams similar to those referred to by Senator Huston.

"She's a finished musician, don't you think? I hope she was afraid she was going to sing again."—Detroit Free Press.

EDITORS SHOULD WORRY

Publishers, Facing Shortage of White Paper, Urge Saving Methods.

New York, April 27.—The shortage of white print paper and means for meeting the unprecedented situation were discussed by newspaper publishers assembled at the annual convention of the American Newspaper Publishers' association.

Because the demand for print paper is expected to be greatest, as usual, during the next thirty days, the publishers were urged to employ every method of saving, even to the cutting down of margins.

SETTLE COAL STRIKE

24,000 Miners in Pennsylvania Will Return to Work Tomorrow.

New York, April 27.—The 24,000 bituminous coal miners on strike in District No. 5, in Pennsylvania, will go back to work tomorrow morning under an agreement reached here today between John F. White for the coal miners and W. K. Fields for the Pittsburg Coal company and other operators.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

MRS. ANNIE REYNOLDS. The funeral will be held at 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon at Penwell's chapel. Interment in Mount Auburn cemetery.

ALEXANDER SPIRES. The funeral will be held at 2:30 o'clock Friday at the Lowman M. E. church. The body will be taken to Lino, Kan., for interment. Mr. Spires was a member of Lincoln Post, G. A. R., and the post will take part in the ceremony.

MRS. ELLA TUNLEY, who died Wednesday will be buried Friday afternoon at Mount Auburn cemetery. Services will be held at 2:30 o'clock at the B Street Baptist church.

JACKSON M. BROWN, age 72, father of Mrs. J. A. Crabbe of Topeka, died today at a local hospital. His home was in Smith county, Kan., but he had come much of the last few years with Mrs. Crabbe. She has other children, all of Smith county, survive him. The body will be taken to Leawards on Saturday morning and the funeral will be held there Saturday at the Brown home. Burial in Lebanon cemetery.

GAVE BRITISH TIP

Irish Patriot Blames U. S. for Rebels' Downfall.

Declares It Furnished Information on Arms Ship.

REVENGE BY BALLOT NEXT FALL

Irish-American Editor Makes New Political Issue.

Charges 'Wilson Officials' With Acts of Lawlessness.

New York, April 27.—Flat charges that President Wilson and the government of the United States thwarted German aid to the Irish revolution is made by John Devoy, president and editor of the Gaelic American, in the edition of his paper prepared for the press today.

Mr. Devoy, long a leader in Irish-American affairs and an ardent advocate of the Irish volunteers cause, refused to be interviewed on his charges. At his office, 165 William street, he let it be understood his editorials and news articles stood for themselves. His editorial declared:

"The sinking of the German ship loaded with arms and ammunition off the Irish coast was the direct result of information treacherously given to the British government by a member of the Washington administration. It was a deadly blow aimed at the heart of Ireland."

Wilson's Officials Did It.
"Wilson's officials obtained the information by an act of lawlessness—a violation of international law and of American law, committed with the deliberate purpose of helping England, and it was promptly placed at the disposal of the English government. Forewarned by this most disgraceful and dishonorable act ever committed by an American president, the British fleet, which had been baffled and eluded by the arms-laden German cruiser, was sent to the right spot, the cruiser was sunk and the Irish people deprived of the means of fighting for their rights and liberties."

"The British officials' official expression of gratitude for the splendid services of Irishmen in the revolution, the war of 1812, the civil war and the Washington administration. It was a deadly blow aimed at the heart of the American people had no part in the treachery."

The Worst Blow.
In another editorial, the Gaelic American says:

"The worst blow the insurgents received was the sinking of the German auxiliary cruiser with a load of arms and ammunition aboard. The silence with which the first blow was delivered proved that the secret was well kept. There was no informer or British spy who was able to learn the plans of the insurgents but the deficiency was supplied by the Washington officials."

A news story on the first page contains this assertion:

"There is not the shadow of a doubt that this information from Washington, obtained by a gross breach of international law and by trampling on American law, which deprived the Irish people of the arms necessary to carry on the fight for their very existence as a people, was furnished to the British."

But for this alleged interference, all Munster would have been armed, it is said,