

CHADRON CASE NOW THING OF THE PAST

**Jury Ordered to Acquit Defendants,
Who Were Then Released—
Jury Was Dismissed**

The famous Chadron blackmail case, charging six Omaha men and three citizens of Chadron with conspiracy to blackmail, was virtually thrown out of court here Saturday afternoon.

After hearing testimony by Mrs. Robert Hood and Attorney E. D. Crites of Chadron, that they knew of the alleged conspiracy before it was "uncovered," Judge Grimes immediately instructed the jury to bring in a verdict for the defense.

The jury did as directed and was dismissed at once. The jury was composed of Bruce McDowell, W. S. Coker, W. F. Walker, D. L. Himes, George H. Clayton, George Fernald, W. A. McLean, George Hedgecock, John Walters, G. A. Hagaman, Albert Lore and Fernald Trenkle.

The defendants were: Steve Maloney, former captain of detectives on the Omaha police force; Harvey Wolf, president, W. S. Dolan, manager, Phil Winckler, Gus Tylee, operatives of the Omaha Detective Association; Charles W. Pipkin, former operative of the association; Allen G. Fisher, Chadron attorney and former captain of militia; Charles I. Day, Chadron hotel keeper, and Louis K. Mote, of Chadron.

Judge Grimes held that since the alleged victims knew of the plot before it was "uncovered," there was no conspiracy.

"That reminds me," he said, "of the old custom of 'putting down the cattle' in western Nebraska. 'Putting down the cattle' means 'stealing your own cattle,' then trying to convict some other person."

"These alleged victims knew of the alleged plot, and tried to catch the alleged plotters."

Showed Plan to Entrap
Paul Sutton of Omaha, County Attorney Crites and Mrs. Robert Hood of Chadron had testified for the state.

Judge Grimes said in a spoken opinion their testimony showed they had consented to a plan to entrap the defendants, including the overt act of which the latter were accused.

"The defendants are charged with agreeing to cause County Attorney Crites and Mrs. Hood to be in Crites' office in the night time and to accuse them for the purpose of obtaining money," said the judge. "When these three state's witnesses testified they had arranged to go to the office and had been told in advance of the plan of the defendants by Elsie Phelps, they consented to the same situation of which they complained to the court."

Steve Maloney and several other

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Omahans interested in the defense took No. 43 for Omaha late Saturday afternoon, the train having been several hours late. The other defendants and lawyers and witnesses for prosecution and defense left at midnight Saturday.

Fern Marr Appears
Fern Marr, "the girl of mystery," who was wanted as a witness by both state and defense, figured in a sensational incident when she made her first public appearance in Alliance late Saturday afternoon.

She arrived here Saturday morning and Saturday afternoon, after the closing of the trial and the freeing of the defendants, laughingly related how she had outwitted representatives of the prosecution and eluded those who sought her.

As Miss Marr, accompanied by Amos Abley of Omaha, walked from the Alliance Hotel to an automobile, H. B. Cowles of Valley, her employer, approached and asked her to go with him.

Abley vigorously pushed Cowles aside and Miss Marr stepped into the car and drove away with Abley. Abley is said to be a former saloon keeper of Omaha.

"I got off the train from Omaha at Broken Bow," Miss Marr declared, "and later I came to Alliance." On arriving in Alliance on No. 41

Saturday morning, Miss Marr eluded those who sought her by going a round-about way out of the Burlington railroad yards. She remained concealed until late in the day and left Saturday night for Omaha.

Injunction on Officers
John Unger, former police officer at Omaha, who had been assisting in the defense here, returned to Alliance on the same train after a day's absence. Mike Harrington, Allen G. Fisher and William Rooney, attorneys charged with having liquor in their possession as a result of a raid on the Drake Hotel here early last week, obtained a temporary injunction restraining County Judge Ira E. Tash and County Attorney Lee Bayne from proceeding with the prosecution of the case. The injunction was granted by Judge Westover here Saturday afternoon.

Although the decision of Judge Grimes came as a bolt from the sky to the state, counsel for the defense declared they had expected a similar decision earlier in the trial on a demurrer.

Attorney Baker said the case was won at the preliminary hearing at Chadron when he demanded a transcript of the evidence. At the preliminary hearing the evidence showed that Crites and Mrs. Hood knew of the alleged attempt to compromise them and were prepared for the event with witnesses.

"There never was any case," Mr. Baker said. "The only crime was committed by those who made the frame-up and made dupes of certain people of Chadron, leaving Mrs. Hood to suffer the consequences."

Mike Harrington repeated the statement which he made in the preliminary hearing at Chadron. "He laughs last, laughs best."

Case Not Changed, Says Sutton
H. C. Brome of the prosecution said: "My belief was and is that the state's theory of the case was correct. The court, however, has held to the contrary."

Crites said the decision was a surprise. Sutton said the decision does not change the case, although it frees the defendants.

Judge Grimes said, when a Herald reporter asked if he had anything to say now that the trial was over: "You heard what I said in court? Well, tell them that, and say that I think they ought to try their Omaha cases in Omaha and not out here. I suppose there will be no more Omaha cases tried here for a while, at least."

The testimony of Sutton, County Attorney Crites and Mrs. Hood was that at 7 o'clock, three hours before the scene in Crites' office in Chadron last May, they knew of the plan of Winckler, Day and Mote to induce them, through Mrs. Phelps, to go to the office and the three defendants' plan to find them there and accuse them.

The witness also testified that they and Mrs. Phelps planned to go to the office to entrap the defendants, and

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that Sutton and Crites had previously agreed by letters and telegrams to co-operate for the purpose of catching the defendants.

Mrs. Hood, who did not testify in the preliminary hearing, corroborated the other state's witnesses on the point that the purpose in going to the office was to entrap the defendants.

Mrs. Phelps, star witness for the prosecution, was to have been the next witness called, had the defendants' motion been overruled.

The court's decision was rendered before a large crowd of spectators, who had anticipated hearing Mrs. Phelps testify.

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Get a small package of Hamburg Breast Tea, or as the German folks call it, "Hamburger Brust Thee," at any pharmacy. Take a tablespoonful of the tea, put a cup of boiling water upon it, pour through a sieve and drink a teacup full at any time during the day or before retiring. It is the most effective way to break a cold and cure grip, as it opens the pores of the skin, relieving congestion. Also loosens the bowels, thus driving a cold from the system.

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BELL TELEPHONE BUYS FIVE BILLIONS IN BONDS

The American Telephone and Telegraph Company and its associated companies forming the Bell Telephone System, have announced a subscription in behalf of themselves and their employees of \$5,000,000 of the Second Liberty Loan.

This subscription is to be allotted

to localities or sections of the country as nearly as possible in proportion to the quotas assigned by the Treasury Department to the various federal reserve districts so that each such district will get credit for its proportionate share of the total sum.

The actual subscriptions will be made in each federal reserve district by the associated Bell company operating in such district. The Bell Telephone System also subscribed \$5,000,000 to the First Liberty Loan, but owing to the over-subscription on that issue only a part of it was accepted.

Arrangements have been made whereby employees of the Bell system may subscribe for Liberty Loan bonds and pay for them on installments during the coming year.

Tips From Telegraph

Eastern and northwestern counties in England were raided by six or seven German airships. The enemy air craft did not reach London. Dispatches describing the raid did not contain reference to casualties.

Fearing that the Germans are contemplating a drive on Petrograd, the Russian seat of government is soon to be moved to Moscow. The civil population already is leaving Revel, one of the principal ports on the Gulf of Finland.

Charged with conspiring to place an explosive on a United States converted transport, formerly a German-American liner, Charles W. Walnum was held without bail in the United States court at New York city.

Advances of \$25,000,000 to England and \$20,000,000 to France made by the United States have brought the total loaned to the allies to \$2,756,400,000.

Iowa recruits of the Eighty-eighth division of the National Army at Camp Dodge, assigned to the One Hundred and Fifty-third depot brigade, pending their transfer to the national guard army units at Deming, are expected to move south this week.

After a merchant in Council Bluffs had informed a Liberty loan bond committee that the government could attend to its own business and he would do the same, indignant citizens painted the front of the man's store, on a principal business street, yellow.

Food Administrator Hoover has given out notice that a curb has been put on high food prices, so far as the wholesaler is concerned, and that it is now up to the consumer to see to it that his retailer does not overcharge. The food administrator said that wholesale prices of flour, beef and sugar had recently been reduced

and that it is up to the retailer to get in line.

Jesse C. Hager, of Amherst, S. D., was fatally injured when a coil kicked a pitchfork in such a manner that the lines entered the man's throat. Mr. Hager and a friend were walking through a barnyard when the accident occurred.

Attorney General Havner of Iowa has instructed County Attorney Ole T. Naglestad to take steps to canvass all the ballots cast in the prohibitory election in Woodbury county. Supervisors throughout the state will canvass the votes cast in their respective counties.

While hopes are held out by Fuel Administrator Garfield and high officers of the United Mine Workers that the strike of coal miners in the central competitive districts will soon be settled, the fuel situation in the middle west is reported to have assumed a serious aspect.

Machinery has been set in motion by the United States to take to task pro-German workers who supported a move at various points in the United States to pour cold water on the Liberty loan campaign.

Late reports from the Oesel island zone are to the effect that about 20 Russian warships are bottled up in Moon sound. The Russians are putting up a stubborn resistance against being cut off from communication between the Gulf of Riga and Finland.

Three men lost their lives when the boiler of a freight train exploded near Laramie, Wyo. An engineer, fireman and brakeman were killed.

Bone Barometers.

It is a fortunate thing that bone barometers are going out of style. The people who have always felt everything in their bones were forever feeling many things that nobody wanted them to feel. It never rained on a holiday, the washerwoman never failed to come, the bugs never ate the roses, company never appeared unexpectedly, nothing unpleasant ever happened without the person who had bones declaring that she had known it all the time, that she had felt it in her bones. If the bone barometers could have been trained to predict sunshine and good crops they would have been very good things to have and would never have gone out of style, but a bone barometer was always falling. And at last it has fallen almost out of sight.—Indianapolis News.

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