

**Commutation Is  
Asked of Board  
by Prison Poet****Kansas Convicted of Slaying  
Posseman After Bank Rob-  
bery Wants Sentence  
Reduced.**

Lincoln, Dec. 2.—(Special.)—Frank Connell, Nebraska penitentiary poet and writer, has filed application for a commutation of sentence with the state board of pardons and paroles. His plea will be heard December 15.

Connell, with R. G. Lukens, son of a wealthy Philadelphia family, received life sentence for murder of two possemen following robbery of a bank at Sunol, Neb., in 1916. The Lukens sentence was commuted last fall to 10 years and Lukens will be released April next, counting good time.

The Lukens case has created comment all over the United States. He claims he was the victim of circumstances and asserts that he knew absolutely nothing about the robbery.

**Both Were Salesmen.**

Lukens told the board that he and Connell were fellow salesmen, traveling out of Denver, and denied he knew Connell had a past record involving alleged defalcations while postmaster in a Colorado town. According to Lukens, he and Connell parted company at a town near Sunol the night before the robbery. Connell, he said, intended going north by train.

Lukens asserted that he drove into Sunol on the day of the robbery to sell goods and while looting in a saloon heard the bank had just been robbed. Lukens jumped in his car and asserted he joined the posse.

Lukens drove to a cornfield where Connell was hiding, and according to his story, met Connell, his feet blackened in disguise. Connell ordered him to drive him to safety.

**Meet With Posse.**

Lukens and Connell jumped into the Lukens car and drove back towards Sunol, where they met a posse at a crossroads. Lukens jumped from the car, ran to the posse and pointing to Connell in the car shouted:

"There's your man."

Connell continued to flee but was soon caught.

Connell, in his statement to the board, said that he befriended Lukens at Denver and revealed his past to Lukens. According to Connell, his past was held over him as a club by Lukens who threatened to reveal it unless Connell would rob a bank.

Connell asserted that Lukens accompanied him to the edge of Sunol, where he blacked Connell's face with a burned lamp wick and then drove into Sunol to act as a lookout.

**Says Meeting Arranged.**

"The meeting in the cornfield was prearranged," Connell said in a statement filed with the board. "And Lukens, instead of making good his promise to haul me to safety, abandoned me and joined the posse when he saw he had a slim chance to escape."

Both Lukens and Connell are well educated men. Lukens is prison librarian and teaches Spanish classes at the penitentiary. Connell is a trustee in another part of the penitentiary. He writes poetry continuously and has influential friends and relatives, the same as Lukens. Neither of the men have spoken to each other since they entered the penitentiary. Connell's birthplace is Wellington, Kan. His aged mother lives at La-Crosse, Kan. Mrs. Mattie Britt Hale, woman attorney at La-Crosse, has taken an active interest in Connell's fight for freedom.

Others to appear before the board at the December meeting to ask for a parole are:

**Other Applications.**

Douglas county: Leonard C. Smith, grand larceny, 17; Homer P. Jeff, robbery, 24; Leander Little, manslaughter, 18; Violet Schmidt, check on insufficient funds, 13; Mary Newman, manslaughter, 18 months to 3 years; Henry Heford, criminal assault, 24; Fred Allen, stab to wound, 18; Nathan Wolfson, breaking and entering, 18; Frank Woods, larceny from person, 17; James Davis, grand larceny, 17; Oscar Gabriel, manslaughter, 13.

Cass county: J. P. Mills, Scottsbluff, Ind., not to exceed 20 years; Edward Bryant, Stanton, grand larceny, 17; Theodore Armstrong, Cheyenne, burglary, 13; Joe Contreras, Kimball, grand larceny, 17; Clarence Morgan, Dodge, auto stealing, 17; Floyd Yunker, Buffalo, auto stealing, 17; Henry Slater, Buffalo, grand larceny, 12; Alfred Hawcamp, Oke, forgery, 15; Claude Sawyer, Oke, robbery, 24; Fritz Luchman, Wayne, forgery, 12; Charles Paulson, Lincoln, burglary, 12; Everett Wash, Lancaster, auto stealing, 17; John Wilson, Lancaster, forgery, 12; Joseph W. White, Cheyenne, forgery, 17; Earl G. Smith, Cheyenne, obtaining money under false pretenses, 12; Glen Markey, Sheridan, grand larceny, 17; Charles Taylor, Hall, larceny, 17; Clifford Kinsinger, Hall, grand larceny, 17; Archie Hesse, Box Butte, grand larceny, 17; William Cheyenne, Box Butte, burglary, 17; Ova Ford, Chase, disposition of stolen property, 17; Lillian Walcott, moving property without checks, 17; Charles Nelson, Thurston, assault to commit, 13.

**General Merchandise Store  
at Percival, Ia., Is Burned**

Nebadissa City, Neb., Dec. 2.—(Special.)—The general merchandise store of Ray Wickham at Percival, Ia., was burned, together with the contents. The cause of the fire is a mystery. Percival is without water protection and the flames had gained such headway before being discovered that a market brigade delayed its time to saving nearby buildings.

**Robber's Victim Dies.**

Sturgeon, Neb., Dec. 2.—(Special.)—Charles Wolf, who was kidnapped and robbed Wednesday night in the J. H. Vanden station where doing his chores, died without regaining consciousness.

**Convict Writes Poems  
in Nebraska Prison****November Breaks  
All Auto Crash  
Records in Omaha****Wave of Reckless Driving  
Baffles Police—Careless-  
ness to Blame, Says  
Chief Dempsey.**

November shattered all records for the year in automobile accidents, injuries and deaths, according to records at Central police headquarters.

There were 31 accidents during the month, causing 72 injuries and two deaths, Carl Brown and Elinor Matlack, the girl whose body lay unidentified many hours in South Omaha.

Figures by months for the year are:

Month	Accidents	Injuries	Deaths
January	22	25	2
February	27	22	2
March	29	27	2
April	49	47	2
May	42	30	2
June	46	37	2
July	38	27	2
August	40	27	2
September	29	40	2
October	24	32	2
November	31	72	2
Total	561	510	15

When shown the figures, Chief of Police Michael F. Dempsey threw up his hands.

"We don't know how to curb these accidents," he said. "We've done everything within human power. We have sent out thousands of circulars explaining the road rules which are plain and understandable."

"Accidents are not caused by ignorance. They are caused by carelessness."

George Carey, head of the traffic bureau of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, was in conference with Chief Dempsey Saturday morning.

He urged that jail terms be meted out to every motorist found guilty of reckless driving.

"Five days in jail should be given every offender," he argued, "and if that doesn't put a stop to this recklessness, increase the length of the sentence."

Carey pointed out that the majority of the accidents occur in the less congested districts of the city where motorists seem to be seized with the spirit of mania. Few accidents occur in the business district where traffic is heavy and motorists have to drive slowly, he said.

Officer Thomas B. Crawford, investigator of accidents, informed Chief Dempsey that in nine out of ten accidents in which children from 5 to 12 years old figured, the youngsters were wholly or in part responsible for the accidents.

He issued a warning to parents to educate their children to the dangers of the road.

"Tell the motorists of Omaha," said Judge Wappler "that the jail doors are yawning for them, eager to swallow them up for a few days if they get reckless at the wheels of their machines."

"I am going to turn strict—very strict—and I shall mete out jail terms right and left to automobilists brought before me on speeding and reckless driving charges."

**M. C. Sorenson Dies.**

M. C. Sorenson, live stock dealer, 32, resident of Omaha for 20 years, died late Friday afternoon at Nicholas Burns hospital after a long illness. He was 32. Sorenson came to Omaha as a youth from Denmark. He lived at 211 Florence boulevard.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a son, George E. Sorenson, four daughters, Mrs. A. W. Clausen and Myrtle, Helen and Irene, three brothers, Edward of Omaha, Mortis of Wisconsin and Nels of Hartford, Conn., and two sisters, Mrs. S. Jensen of Greenwich, Conn., and Mrs. Christine Peterson, living in Denmark.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 2 from the family home, with burial in Springwell cemetery. The Rev. O. D. Balfour will officiate.

**Man in Crash Still Lies  
Between Life and Death**

C. C. Kennedy, American Express employee injured Thursday night when a street car crashed into the truck in which he was riding, still lies between life and death at St. Catherine's hospital. Doctors are unable to see whether or not he will recover. He suffered a fractured skull and a broken hip.

R. B. Basset, who was also in the accident is doing well. Mrs. Basset arrived Friday evening from Kansas City.

**Minneapolis Opens  
Week of Intensive  
Self-Inspection****Movement for City Improve-  
ment Backed by 135 Civic,  
Business, Social and Wel-  
fare Organizations.**

Omaha Bee Special Wire.  
Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 2.—Minneapolis tomorrow starts a week of intensive, concentrated self-inspection, unique in history among all the scores of "city something weeks" that have been observed in various parts of the country during the last few years.

As a part of the plan fostered by the Minneapolis Journal, Mayor George E. Leach, officially set aside December 3 to December 9 as "Minneapolis week" and within 24 hours 135 civic, business, social and welfare organizations had enthusiastically pledged their support and had plans under way for their parts in the affair. Every organization from the civic and commerce association to the boy scouts will participate in "Minneapolis week."

To Hold Many Meetings.

There will be dozens of meetings every day, culminating in a citywide mass meeting next Saturday night. Steps taken by the 135 organizations involved indicate that three groups of constructive results will grow out of "Minneapolis week." They are:

1. A better acquaintance with the city, its different parts and groups and the concrete needs of these parts and groups on the part of every Minneapolis citizen.

2. Closer cooperation among the different sections and groups, through a better understanding of each other's needs and aims resulting in the elimination of petty regional disputes and pulling at cross purposes.

Birth of New Spirit.

3. And most important: A definite understanding among all its citizens of the present day needs of their city as a whole and the birth of a "Minneapolis spirit," designed to bring about their accomplishment through a concrete program backed by the entire population. For instance, Minneapolis has been seeking for 20 years a city auditorium commensurate of the needs of a town its size. As a result of the "Minneapolis week" proclamations, plans are already under way even before the opening of the official week, to make an immediate reality of the dream. In a few words the avowed purpose of the 135 organizations participating in Minneapolis week reads like this:

Know your city; agree on the things it needs, then go out and fight shoulder to shoulder to get them.

**Pageant Raises Funds  
for Old Trail Marker**

Shelton, Neb., Dec. 2.—(Special.)—Under the leadership of Mrs. F. W. Ferguson, a segment of early colonial times was given here by more than 50 children and adults as a benefit for the D. A. R. chapter.

The chapter will erect a granite monument in memory of two pioneer men of Shelton, August Meyer and Edward Oliver, who in 1867, during an Indian uprising in the western part of the state, sent their families east for protection, while they remained at their posts, the exchange station, to protect the horses used in conveying the mail along the old Mormon or California trail.

The monument will serve also as a marker for the old trail at this point.

**Language Law Certain  
to Create Warm Fight**

Lincoln, Dec. 2.—(Special.)—An attempt to revise or repeal the language bill at the coming session of the legislature is looked upon as a certainty here.

Numerous candidates at the election were defeated, because they voted for this bill and others rode into office through an understanding on the part of voters that they would fight to repeal it.

The attitude of the incoming Bryan administration toward the proposition is causing speculation. In the campaign it was openly charged that Bryan's friends had given out the word in German communities that he was against the law and would attempt to defeat it.

Bryan's only answer to this charge was to the effect that it was not an open issue in the campaign, because no mention of the law appeared in the democratic platform.

To date he has never stated whether he was for or against the law.

**27 Counties Will Have  
Delegates at Tax Meeting**

Lincoln, Dec. 2.—(Special.)—Information received at Lincoln is to the effect that representatives of 27 counties will be present at Hastings, December 11, to discuss ways and means of reducing state, county and municipal taxes.

F. E. Edgerton of Aurora, defeated candidate for university regent, is behind the movement which contemplates a jump into expenditures of the state university, state normal schools, city and county schools as well as other branches of government.

**Missouri Pacific Pays  
Taxes in Ohio County**

Nebadissa City, Neb., Dec. 2.—(Special.)—The Missouri Pacific Railroad company will pay the taxes in Ohio county, which amount to \$23,174.74, without protest or an attempt to "shrink" the amount, as did the Burlington, when its representative offered to pay 50 per cent of the bill. The tax, which was refused by the county treasurer, was then paid by the Missouri Pacific. The taxes are delinquent and carrying interest at 10 per cent, a total of about \$24,000 per month.

**Katherine Force  
to Wed A. E. F. Hero****Miss Katherine Force.**

Miss Katherine Force, sister of Mrs. William K. Dick, the second Mrs. John Jacob Astor, is now reported engaged to Mr. Larill Spencer, a hero of the A. E. F., who was recently divorced. Some time ago Miss Force's engagement to Henri Har-nickel of New York was announced, but it is now reported to have been broken.

**Ancient Indians  
Were Inveterate  
Pipe Smokers****Smithsonian Institution Finds  
Remains of "Pipe Shrine  
House" in Ruins of  
Mesa Verde.**

Washington, Dec. 2.—The Smithsonian institution has discovered that ancient Indians who lived hundreds of years ago in that part of the west which we now call Colorado were inveterate pipe smokers.

Dr. J. Walker Fawcett, chief of the bureau of American ethnology of the institution, has returned to Washington after several months of archaeological field work in the Mesa Verde National park, with reports of a prehistoric ruin to which he has given the name of "Pipe Shrine house," on account of the large number of tobacco pipes found.

Congress passed a law several years ago reserving the Mesa Verde park from settlement because of the numerous cliff dwellings in the section. Since that time archaeologists have discovered that there are as many pueblos in the open on top of the mesa as in the cliffs. In May of this year Dr. Fawcett undertook work on a mound in the neighborhood of a reservoir called Mummy lake.

**Observation Tower.**

"The results of his excavations were unexpected," says the Smithsonian institution. "Out of this mound has emerged a rectangular building about 70 feet square and one story high, accurately oriented to the cardinal points, with a circular tower for nearly 15 to 20 feet high, like a church steeple, midway of the western wall. This tower is supposed to have been for observation, and as it is very important for an agricultural people to determine the seasons of the year, it was probably by watching the sun as it rises in the east or sets in the west that they determined the time for planting and other events."

"In the middle of this building there was found a circular room 20 feet deep and about the same in diameter, in which were found over a dozen tobacco pipes, numerous stone knives, pottery, flint and other objects."

**Pipe Shrine House.**

"Pipes of this kind have never before been found in the Mesa Verde National park, and as all the indications point to the belief that after the rite of smoking they were thrown in this shrine the ruins were called on this account the Pipe Shrine house."

"A few feet south of the building, which was not a habitation, but specialized for ceremony, there is a square room or shrine dedicated to the mountain lion, a stone image of which was found surrounded by waterworn and other strangely-formed stones."

"The cemeteries of the pueblos of the Mesa Verde are situated near the southwest corner, and while the burials in them have as a rule been removed by vandals, several internments were found in the cemetery near the Pipe Shrine house."

**Omaha Physician Tells  
of Suffering in Vienna**

The tragedy of post-war conditions in Vienna is written in the rosy cheeks of Viennese hospital patients, where 90 per cent of the patients are tubercular.

This is the word picture of Dr. Philip Levey, Omaha surgeon who returned home Thanksgiving day after four months' study there.

Patients are as undernourished that cases of the simplest infection are fatal," he said. "They have no resistance."

A stout Viennese is rare as a doubt, he said. Only Americans and other foreigners enjoying there look well fed.

Under the socialist government in Vienna, a doctor's pay is twice that of a college professor, he said.

Dr. Levey found some such evidence of perversion and went to Berlin, where he also visited.

In Vienna, the Omaha physician met Dr. H. Schuchter, Omaha youth attached to the American legation.

**Baby Drowned in Bucket.**

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 2.—The 14-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Thomas Feltner was drowned when she fell into a bucket of water in which she had dropped an apple.

**Army Training  
Needs Are Told  
by Gen. Pershing****Military Leader of United  
States Says We Owe Pos-  
terity Benefit of Our  
Experience.**

Lincoln, Dec. 2.—"Unless we give posterity the benefit of our experience we are not doing our duty," Gen. John J. Pershing said in an address at a club meeting at which he was a guest. "Neither are we meeting our responsibility so long as we neglect to inform ourselves on questions of national policy," he said. "We are too prone to leave this last to our legislators when we ought to be telling them what to vote for and why. And we ought to have our eyes open to a lot of things we were quick to forget as soon as the war ended—bullets and the L. W. W., for instance."

"The world was never in a more disturbed state than it is today. Americans are always patriotic, of course, but they are not always alive

to what is going on and there is great danger in letting our interest lapse and being caught again as we were once. That is why I am bespeaking your active support for the army bill of 1920, circumscribed, as it is, by the reduction of appropriation to which it has been subject. These reductions have been with the assent of the regular army forces for no one better appreciates the need for economy and business administration."

Gen. Pershing indicated the provisions of the bill foreseen training camps and a reserve corps and said: "You may hear that such training leads to militarism. This it induced militarism in the 4,000,000 men trained in the world war, than whom there is no more patriotic body? That cry of alarm, my friends, comes from an element which has not at heart the things we all stand for."

"Militarism in this democracy is an impossibility."

Gen. Pershing said military training as provided in camps of this country is the finest training for citizenship. It taught young men discipline and self-respect, he said. He cited the testimony of the president of Illinois university that cadet training had solved the discipline problem for the whole cadet body as well as the students themselves.

Samples of materials for your new winter frocks and coats will be given sent if kind and colors are specified.

**Testimony Fails  
to Show Drinking  
by Navy Students****Open Investigation of Charges  
Against Midshipmen at  
Army-Navy Football  
Game.**

Annapolis, Md., Dec. 2.—The first day of inquiry by the naval board of investigation, appointed by secretary Denby to investigate the alleged drinking scandal and disgraceful conduct by midshipmen after the Army-Navy football game at Philadelphia last Saturday, showed no testimony to substantiate the report that any of the midshipmen acted in other than a gentlemanly manner.

The board will reconvene again on Monday.

It developed that the administration officials at the United States naval academy are virtually on trial as the result of the alleged misconduct of students at the naval ball on the night of the football game.

Rear Admiral Henry B. Wilson, superintendent of the academy, was the first witness to be called. He testified that he had direct supervision over arrangements for the trip of the midshipmen to Philadelphia, but stated he knew nothing of the reported drinking at the ball. He also stated that he was unable to attend the ball and returned to Annapolis immediately after the game, owing to the illness of Mrs. Wilson. He said it was the duty of any naval official present, whether an officer on duty or not, to report any acts of improper conduct.

Answering a question put by Rear Admiral Ashley H. Robertson, presiding officer of the court, as to whether an official report had been made to him as regards the conduct of the midshipmen, the naval academy head replied that the only formal notification on the subject came to him through the secretary of the navy. On the other hand, he stated, he had received a number of unofficial communications, written and oral, from persons who attended the ball and who stated there was no evidence of improper conduct by the students.

**Fair, Normal Temperatures  
Predicted for This Week**

Washington, Dec. 2.—Weather outlook for the week beginning Monday: Upper Mississippi and lower Missouri valley, Rocky Mountain and plateau regions: Generally fair and normal temperatures.

JOHN A. SWANSON, Pres.

The Nebraska

WM. L. ROIZMAN, Treas.

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