

Fire Destroys Valuable Law Firm Library

Loss Can't Be Estimated in Dollars and Cents, Says Member of Bluffs Firm.

The Rogers and Rogers building fires in Council Bluffs early Saturday morning is estimated at between \$250,000 and \$350,000.

Individual losses from other occupants of the building, such as paraphernalia and furniture of the Knights of Columbus lodge rooms, expensive furnishings of the exclusive Porcupine and Saturday Noon clubs, and dental and medical, as well as surgical equipment, add to the damage.

Mystery Causes Collars of Paris Coppers to Wilt

Missing Menagerie, Missing Fortune, Missing Corpse and Missing Yacht All Figure in One Grand Fraud Worked on French Banker - Letters From Ford and Morgan Complicate Tangle.

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Paris, Dec. 23.—A fourfold mystery—a missing menagerie, a missing fortune of about \$100,000,000, a missing corpse and a missing yacht—is causing the wiles of Paris police officials to wilt as they continue investigating the story of Mrs. Leon Marcel Tardy, 17 Boulevard Haussmann.

The police were pushed into the mystery through the complaint of a Paris banker, later withdrawn, that he lent Mrs. Tardy 50,000 francs (roughly \$2,500 for expenses in obtaining the estate of Miss Pay Heller, said to have been a resident of Boston. Miss Heller was said to have willed her entire fortune of \$100,000,000 to Mrs. Tardy on condition that she care for the former's menagerie of animals, some wild and some tame, which the American woman had gathered during a life of travel and deposited in private parks from Japan to Bahamas.

Two Men Robbed in 15 Minutes by Bluffs Bandits

Unmasked and Armed Highwaymen, Operating on Sixteenth Avenue, Escape With Loot.

Two unmasked bandits, operating on Sixteenth avenue between Main and High street, Council Bluffs, Friday night held up and robbed two men within 15 minutes.

Floyd Campbell, 1514 Ohio street, Omaha, surrendered when the two men flashed guns and was robbed of \$15 and a cameo ring. The robbery occurred in front of the Standard Oil company offices.

Fifteen minutes later, Nathan McDaniel, 220 Seventeenth avenue, Council Bluffs, was robbed of \$2.50 by two men answering the same description. The second robbery occurred near the Burlington tracks.

Carriers Block Rate Reduction, Unions Allege

Petition Asking Investigation of Expenditures in Fighting Strike Filed With Commerce Body.

Washington, Dec. 23.—A petition asking investigation into the expenditures of railroads in coping with the national strike of shopkeepers employees has been filed with the Interstate Commerce commission by the International Association of Machinists, a railroad union participating in the strike, which is asserted to be still in progress on a number of roads, will 50 in the proceedings later, Mr. Johnston added.

"By wanton expenditure of funds made available to them through excessive freight and passenger rates," the petition charged, "railroads on which the strike still persists are adding to the burden of transportation costs borne by the public." In addition it was asserted that railroad accounts are being improperly made up with "grossly distorted labor and other operating cost items."

\$50,000 Judgment Is Appealed by Railroad

Lincoln, Dec. 23.—(Special).—A 299 page brief has been filed in supreme court by the Union Pacific railroad company in support of an application for a reversal of a \$50,000 judgment secured in Gage county by Arlie W. Cady, attorney for the plaintiff, retained in helping lead a heavy handcar at Raymond, Lancaster county. He was paralyzed and died two months after the judgment.

Phone Company Injunction Also Halts PBX Increase

Lincoln, Dec. 23.—(Special).—Officials of the Bell Telephone company spent part of Saturday in consultation with members of the state railway commission. The purpose was to ascertain just what procedure would be necessary in order to carry out the orders of the court which granted the company a temporary injunction. There were some odds and ends upon which it was necessary for the company and commission to have a common understanding in order to avoid conflict.

No White Christmas This Year, Says Weather Man

Christmas day weather will be fair, Meteorologist Robins thinks.

"We can't predict positively yet," he added. "There is a low pressure area up around Edmonton, Canada, but I am hoping that will pass us without any trouble."

York Youth Proves Handy in Escaping From Prison

Lincoln, Dec. 23.—(Special).—Ralph Burnham, York youth who stole an automobile, is now in the state reformatory, but it is not known just how long he will be content to remain. Burnham says he is going to stay, because his sentence is only for a year, but he gave a demonstration on his expertness in picking locks and shedding handcuffs that convinced the authorities that his stay is largely dependent upon himself.

Arrests for Intoxication Increase for New York City

New York, Dec. 23.—Arrests for intoxication during the third quarter of 1922 in this city showed an increase of 32 per cent over the corresponding period of 1921. City Magistrate William McAdoo reported yesterday.

Twenty Persons Injured in Brussels Demonstration

Brussels, Dec. 23.—(By A. P.).—Thousands of students from all the universities of Belgium took part in a manifestation in the streets of the capital against the action of the chamber of deputies in changing Ghent university into a Flemish institution. Four thousand students signed a protest which was presented to the chamber.

Alumni of 3 Cities Behind Creighton in Building Drive

Sioux City, Sioux Falls and Minneapolis Pledge Quotas in Campaign Launched by University.

Sioux City, Sioux Falls and Minneapolis have all gotten behind Creighton university's campaign to erect \$1,000,000 worth of new school buildings up on the hill at Twenty-fifth and California streets and have promised their aid, their co-operation and their money to help enlarge Omaha's big institution of learning. Last week Creighton Alumni in each of those three cities got together, formed permanent organizations and started subscriptions to the building and endowment fund which Creighton is to secure in the next month or two.

She'll Lead New Years Revelers in Song Hit

New Year's eve frolics at Hotel Fontenelle will be given "klicker-klatters" novelty noisemakers, to assist Miss Thelma Combes (above), cabaret singer and soloist with the Fontenelle Girls' orchestra, when she leads the song hit, "Sixty Seconds Every Minute" from the "Greenwich Village Follies." Miss Ruth Harlow will give an Egyptian dance at the party for which 400 reservations already have been made.

Delegates Hope Recess Will Clear Lausanne Tangle

"Big Four" of Near East Conference Attempting to Solve Difficulties Outside of Formal Sessions.

Lausanne, Dec. 23.—(By A. P.).—The near east conference has taken a brief Christmas recess until Tuesday afternoon, and there is general hope among the delegates that the two days' respite will aid the conference leaders in finding paths of wisdom and progress.

Christmas week has set the conference back rather than forward, even the problem of the straits, which seemed on the verge of a satisfactory settlement, was placed in peril. A new ultimatum from the Turks that if they could not obtain their desires on several points, especially with reference to a nonaggression pact in favor of Turkey, they would not accept internal control for the passage of warships, has provided settlements of the straits question.

Dancer Banned from Church

Isadora Duncan Cannot Deliver Address in St. Marks at N. Y.

New York, Dec. 23.—Bishop W. T. Manning intervened recently to prevent Isadora Duncan, classic dancer, from appearing at the Episcopal church of St. Marks on the Bowlerie, a notice to Episcopal publications from the bishops office today revealed.

Wakeley to Take Chicago 'Q' Post

General Passenger Agent for Burlington Here Transferred to Own Request.

L. W. Wakeley, general passenger agent for the Burlington railroad here, has, at his own request, been transferred to Chicago, where he will assume the position of assistant to the passenger traffic manager.

A. Cotsworth, jr., has been appointed to succeed Mr. Wakeley here. Mr. Cotsworth has been assistant general passenger agent at Chicago. The change will take place about January 1. Mr. Cotsworth is expected to bring his family here a few months later. He was in Omaha last January, when he took up the duties as general passenger agent during the illness of Mr. Wakeley.

Guardian of Estate Must Make Settlement

Hastings, Neb., Dec. 23.—(Special).—Fred P. Deutch, attorney of David City, was given favorable decree in county court today in the suit brought by Deutch and his minor brothers, Alrad Deutch of Kansas City and Eugene Deutch of Lincoln, to force a settlement by W. H. Moran of Nebraska City of his account as guardian of the Deutch estate, valued at \$40,000. The court discharged Moran as guardian, replacing him by Fred Deutch.

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Walters Form Soup Bowl Brigade to Battle Fire That Razes Toy Village

New York, Dec. 23.—Sparks from a toy electric train today laid waste a whole toy village and caused the temporary blocking of Broadway, which surged with Christmas shoppers.

Christmas "Melon" Cut for Employees

Eppley Hotels Company Gives \$12,000 in Bonus Checks for 11 Months' Service.

A Christmas "melon" of approximately \$12,000 will be sliced on Christmas morning for several hundred employees of the Eppley Hotels company, who have been in the service of the organization for 11-12 months. Employees of the Fontenelle hotel, one of the units of the chain, share in the distribution.

Bonus checks accompanied by Christmas cards were mailed from the Omaha executive offices yesterday, in time to reach all eligible employees on Christmas morning.

Amnesty Granted

London, Dec. 23.—A dispatch to the Times from Rome says King Victor Emmanuel has signed a decree granting amnesty to all persons accused of political crimes up to and including the time of the recent seizure of the government by Benito Mussolini's forces.

Nebraskans Wed at Chicago

Word has been received by friends in Omaha that Harold C. Ring of this city, and Miss Myrtle Steinkel of Chicago obtained a marriage license at Chicago.

To Hold Memorial Service

Washington, Dec. 23.—Memorial services for the late Representative James R. Mann of Illinois will be held in the house Sunday, January 14, it was announced by Representative Madden of that state.

Grocer Beaten and Robbed in Daylight Holdup

Store Proprietor Resists Unmasked, Armed Highwayman Who Escapes With \$740.

Puts Up Fight

Stehr and Peterson did. But Frohm leaped from behind his counter and started to put up a fight.

Screams for Help

As they started to leave, Frohm began screaming, "Call the police. Call the police."

No Christmas Pardons Given by U. S. Judge

Several friends of incarcerated persons called on Federal Judge Woodrough yesterday, but got no "Christmas pardons."

Five men were released by the judge in the last few days for one reason or another.

Sam Nanito, ordered released Friday because of alleged illness in his family, was ordered back to jail to serve the rest of his sentence January 2, after Judge Woodrough had gone to his home, 1313 Pacific street, and satisfied himself his family's condition was not so bad.



GREETINGS—

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