

It is with narrow-souled people as with narrow-necked bottles, the less they have in them, the more noise they make in pouring it out.—Pope.

1000 IN TORNADO

Bossie Wins Battle Here for Freedom

Judge Dismisses Case After Records Needed by Prosecution Mysteriously Disappear.

Dahlman Takes Stand

Claude Bossie, who for many years has been a factor in Omaha political circles and the central figure in a number of sensational court actions, has again emerged victorious.

He won in practically the first round of a no-limit affair Wednesday when Judge Goss sustained the motion of defense counsel to dismiss the action brought by the state in which Bossie was charged with embezzlement of \$2,982.50 of city coal funds while he was city clerk.

The motion for dismissal on grounds of insufficient evidence was made by Ben Baker, chief defense counsel after Charles Stenicke, city controller, repeatedly admitted under cross-examination that he knew of no way to definitely determine whether a shortage actually existed—either in funds or coal—at the time of Bossie's dismissal by Mayor Dahlman.

Stenicke's admissions came as an anti-climax to a trial which had been presented as one to be "filled with thrills."

Records Missing. There were a number of features, some of them dull, as the trial moved along from morning until the final act at 4:30 in the afternoon. Chief among the disclosures brought out in testimony was the mysterious disappearance from the records of the city of important documents bearing on the sale and distribution of Kentucky coal.

This coal was sold at \$3 a ton, and an audit of the city clerk's office, compiled after Bossie had been relegated into the ranks of the common people, showed that there were 339 tons of coal unaccounted for in money turned into the city treasurer's office.

But—when here hinged the crux of the state's case—the records which should have shown the sale and distribution of this Kentucky coal were missing. With them went, apparently, freight waybills and customers' receipts—highly important in determining an actual, visible shortage.

Dahlman on Stand. Four witnesses were used in an effort to place the state's case on a firm foundation. The first was James P. Hector, successor to Bossie as city clerk. Then came William Rooney, coal clerk; Mayor Dahlman and Charles Stenicke.

Necks were craned and most of the 300 persons queered out of regular formation when Mayor Dahlman was called to the stand as the third witness.

After formal questioning by Irvin Stalmaster, in charge of the case for the state, the mayor told of a conference he had held with Bossie three months after the deposed official deserted his wife and fled to France where he was arrested and returned to the United States.

"What did you say to him?" Stalmaster asked.

And there was more craning of necks by those who were hoping for the "thrill of the trial."

"He denied it," the mayor replied in a voice so low that defense counsel requested the mayor to speak a bit louder.

Mayor Dahlman, the man who requested Bossie's resignation, continued:

"He rather broke down. I did most of the talking. When I told him I would send him to jail I thought he was going to keel over, and I didn't press the matter as hard as I otherwise would."

One or two more unimportant questions which brought relatively unimportant replies ended the state's examination.

"No cross examination," remarked Baker, laconically.

DAWES TO CARRY FIGHT TO PUBLIC

Washington, March 18.—Vice President Dawes will carry to the country in public addresses the issue he made with the senate in his inaugural address for a revision of the rules so as to prohibit one man filibusters.

His first address on the subject will be delivered at the annual luncheon of the Associated Press at New York on April 21. Beyond that he has made no definite engagements, but he expects to speak in Ohio and Indiana.

Bill to Legalize Municipal Gas Stations Killed

Lincoln, March 18.—The senate judiciary committee this afternoon voted down the Spillman-McGowan-Griswold bill, giving city councils judicial powers in determining whether or not monopolies existed in sales of gasoline and coal if so, in their judgment, permitting them to establish municipal stations. Those voting for the bill were Griswold, Scott and Kerr. Those opposed were Laughlin, Dyar, Cooper, Eucky and Jarry.

In the morning the senate engaged in another bitter fight over the university and normal schools levies. Jerry of Lancaster proposed an amendment cutting the 10-year levy to six years. The compromise was voted down by the same vote by which the 10-year levy proposal was given a death blow yesterday. The bill was definitely killed this time.

The house curbed all debate when the federal child-labor amendment bill came up and killed the proposal by a vote of 27 to 27. Those voting for the bill were Aurand, Axtell, Denmore, Dietz, Elliott, Gillespie, Gilmore, Griffin, Hunter, Johnson, Sheridan, Korisko, Lawson, Lee of Adams, Lee of Boyd, Main, Miner, Muir, Munn, Neubauer, Reese, Stone, Talbot, Tomer, Twiss, Wildman, Wilson, Wood.

Teachers Bill Killed. The house also killed a net bill of Sarah T. Muir which virtually placed teachers under civil service after they had taught the three consecutive terms in the same district. School boards would be stripped of power to discharge teachers excepting for certain specific reasons under terms of the bill.

Divorce Bill Passed. While the senate was passing the marriage bill, the house passed the Reed divorce bill on third reading. This measure provides for a six months lapse between the time divorce petitions are filed and decrees granted.

In the evening the senate committee on revenue and taxation listened to an extended discussion of the intangible tax problem. A sentiment is growing in the legislature to place intangibles on a flat mill basis, the same as Kansas did this year and numerous other states have done in years past.

The senate committee on miscellaneous subjects will vote on the sheriff's feeding bill at 9 tomorrow morning.

Dawson Voters Authorize \$50,000 Bonds for School. Falls City, March 18.—After turning down the proposition in an earlier election, Dawson voted 240 to 111, in favor of a \$50,000 bond issue for a new school. Practically every eligible voter of District 15 voted.

The bond issue failed to carry last October when 191 voted for and 130 against, a three-fifths majority being necessary.

Plans will be drawn at once so that the building may be completed by next fall.

School Examination to Be Held This Week. Nebraska City, March 18.—Seventh and eighth grade examinations of the public schools are to be held in 10 towns in the county Thursday and Friday of this week. More than 100 students in these grades will take the examination in this city.

15 Aliens Naturalized. Plattsmouth, March 18.—Fifteen applicants were granted final citizenship papers at the opening of the March term of the district court here Monday, among them a number of women, who, although born and reared in this county, under the law had forfeited their right to citizenship by marriage to aliens. The D. A. R., Boy Scouts and American Legion had a part in the impressive ceremonies.

Pint Found in Raid. Columbus, March 18.—Police raided the home of Nels Christiansen and wife on Sixth street. A pint of liquor and several empty bottles constituted the haul.

Frank S. Shannon Stricken. Nebraska City, March 18.—Frank S. Shannon suffered a second stroke of paralysis late Tuesday and is in a serious condition. He was formerly a druggist in this city.

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Two Burn in Palm Beach Hotel Fire

Elderly Man and Woman Die in Blaze Which Razes Famous Breakers Hotel; Identity Unknown.

May Be Other Victims

Palm Beach, Fla., March 18.—Fire here tonight was brought under control after two hotels, the Breakers and Palm Beach, had been destroyed. Two small cottages still were burning but firemen regarded the situation as holding no additional danger. Property damage was estimated at more than \$4,000,000. Two unidentified persons, a man and woman, were reported burned to death.

Palm Beach, Fla., March 18.—First reports of loss of life in the fire which destroyed the famous Breakers hotel in Palm Beach today, was made by the authorities tonight. It was announced that an elderly man and woman whose identity is still unknown were burned to death. It is believed by the investigating officers that other names will be included in the death toll when the final accounting is made.

By The Associated Press. Palm Beach, Fla., March 18.—Following destruction of the Breakers hotel here this afternoon, the Palm Beach hotel was also destroyed by the flames and the fire had spread to nearby cottages. Damages was estimated at \$2,500,000 with possibility that the total might reach \$3,000,000. No loss of life was reported.

The Palm Beach hotel, a 250-room structure was in direct line with the breeze fanning the Breakers' fire, less than half a mile away, and it caught fire shortly before 6 o'clock. Calls for assistance have been sent to all fire departments from Fort Pierce along the east coast down to Fort Lauderdale.

A crowd of approximately 10,000 persons assembled near the Breakers and police were forced to throw a line about the burning building. As the walls of the south wing fell, the heat became so intense that some of the onlookers were slightly burned before they could fall back.

Early tonight the fire was threatening the entire north end of Palm Beach. Occupants of the Royal Poinciana hotel were ordered to leave.

About 7 o'clock rapidly advancing flames spread to the Breakers club, playhouse of America's millionaires.

MIDLAND DEBATE TEAM WINS AGAIN

Fremont, Neb., March 18.—Midlands undefeated negative debating team added another victory to its string with the defeat of Wesleyan in Fremont while the Midland affirmative squad was winning at University Place.

The Midland affirmatives administered the first defeat of the season to the Wesleyan negative debaters. The team was composed of Altman Swihart, Ren Frobenius and Arthur Neilson.

Judges were Attorney E. A. Brown, Clarence Clark, of Lincoln, and Professor Tyler of Havelock High school. The Midland negative team won its fourth straight victory by downing the Wesleyan affirmatives at Fremont. Herbert Dieckman, Johannes Klotsche and Ranier Dunkle make up the undefeated negative squad.

The Wesleyan team, reputed as one of the strongest in the state conference, holds a victory over the University of Colorado.

Mrs. Ella Brown Is Dead; Came West by Boat in 1869. Omaha, March 18.—Mrs. Ella Brown, 65, who came with her parents from Cincinnati in 1869, making the trip by boat down the Ohio river and up the Mississippi and Missouri rivers to Omaha, is dead at her home near here. Her parents settled at Fort Kearney in 1849 when she was 9 years of age. Mrs. Brown's maiden name was Daugherty. She is survived by three sons and one daughter, the father and six other children having preceded her in death.

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SENATE ENDS ITS SPECIAL SESSION

Washington, March 18.—The senate ended today its special session which began March 4.

With the ending of the session, which made history by its fight with President Coolidge over the Warren nomination, congress finally cleared out of Washington for a recess expected to last until December.

Since adjournment was taken after a long list of nominations, received from the White House but a few hours before, had been disposed of in rapid order.

On one nomination—that of Thomas F. Woodcock of New York to be a member of the interstate commerce commission, the senate continued its defiance of the president until the end. As at the close of the last session, his nomination died with the sine die adjournment because adjournment failed to appear in an attempt to confirm him would be futile.

Gasoline Stocks Show an Increase

Reports Received Indicate 2,234,934 More Barrels During Month of February.

New York, March 18.—Gasoline stocks increased to the extent of 2,234,934 barrels during February, according to reports received by the American Petroleum Institute, covering approximately 62 per cent of the operating capacity of the United States. Pipe line and tank farm crude oil stocks east of California decreased 2,142,000 barrels in February.

Oklahoma shows a daily average production of 453,400 barrels, a decrease of 9,250 barrels; Kansas 34,500 barrels, a decrease of 750 barrels; north Louisiana 50,550 barrels, an increase of 650 barrels; Arkansas 111,000 barrels, an increase of 1,700 barrels; eastern 99,000 barrels, no change; Wyoming, Montana and Colorado 90,300 barrels, a decrease of 2,250 barrels; California 603,000 barrels, no change; figures for other districts not yet available.

Daily average imports of petroleum at principal ports for the week ending March 14 were 236,143 barrels, compared with 214,000 barrels for the previous week. Daily average receipts of California oil at Atlantic and Gulf coast ports for the week ending March 14 were 47,143 barrels, compared with 69,714 barrels for the previous week.

No changes were reported in crude oil prices for the major districts. Mid-Continent oils being quoted at \$13.50 to \$2.35 a barrel, according to the gravity.

Bradford district remains at \$3.85 a barrel; all other grades being quoted at \$2.75 a barrel. Gulf coast crude, grade "A", is quoted at \$2.00 a barrel; grade "B" at \$1.75. California prices range from \$1.25 to \$2.40 a barrel, according to the gravity of the oil.

Eastern Star Holds School of Instruction at Wymore

Wymore, March 18.—Wymore chapter, Order of Eastern Star, held a school of instructions Tuesday afternoon, presided over by Alice M. Stanhope, of Lincoln, district supervisor, followed by a business meeting and banquet in the evening. Over 100 members and several visitors from neighboring towns were present. John S. Jones, Wymore banker, made the presentation speech and tendered the supervisor a cut glass of flowers on behalf of the Wymore chapter. One grand state representative, Mrs. C. N. Miller of Lincoln, was one of the hon. or guests.

Three Tracts Near Filley Sold at Referee's Sale

Beatrice, March 18.—Three tracts of land belonging to the John Wright estate near Filley were sold at referee's sale and bought only for prices. One quarter section southeast of Filley went to Charles Wright for \$150 an acre; 57 acres were sold to Ois Wright at \$108, and 80 west of Filley were purchased by J. M. Veach for \$95.25 an acre.

Last of W. E. Robertson Family at Beatrice Dead

Beatrice, March 18.—Miss Lizzie Robertson, for nearly 90 years a resident of Beatrice, died at a hospital here after a brief illness. She was the last of the W. E. Robertson family, Beatrice pioneers, and had resided at Seventh and Washington streets for 46 years. She was a cousin of Wallace Robertson, president of the Beatrice National bank.

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4 Wardens May Demand New Venue

Officers Reported to Fear High Public Feeling; Fail to Attend Hearing on Shooting.

Girl Still Near Death

Esther Bloom, 14, hovered between life and death Wednesday night at Lord Lister hospital while three branches of the state government contemplated investigations of the gun battle in which she was shot Sunday at Ashland.

The four game wardens charged with shooting her with intent to wound failed to appear at Wahoo Wednesday afternoon for preliminary hearing.

Wahoo authorities communicated with Governor McMullen when the game wardens failed to arrive, and were told that the officers were consulting their legal counsel at Lincoln, but would appear in Wahoo for hearing early Thursday morning.

The hearing will be held before County Judge G. N. Parmenter, who issued warrants for the four men Tuesday afternoon.

It was said in Lincoln that the four game wardens and their counsels were discussing the advisability of asking a change of venue, owing to the boiling public feeling which exists against them at Ashland and Wahoo.

Girl's Condition Critical. Attendants at Lord Lister hospital said Wednesday night that the girl was "by no means out of danger."

Her condition had not improved during the day, and physicians have considered it critical since Monday. Her mother has been by her constantly.

An unsuccessful effort was made Wednesday to drag the lower house of the legislature into the investigation. Mitchell and Martenson, democrats, introduced a resolution urging prompt action by Governor McMullen in his investigation and from the Saunders county district court in the case of the four officers.

The house barred its teeth, figuratively speaking, to the resolution. It was voted down overwhelmingly.

Senate Action Asked. Later in the day an effort was made to induce Senator Frank Dolezal of Wahoo, another democrat, to introduce a resolution calling for a legislative investigation of the shooting. A resolution was prepared for the senator and presented to him.

"At this time I feel such a resolution would be a waste of time," Senator Dolezal said. "I believe the court and jury can be trusted to determine the innocence of the officials. In fact, now that the case is in the courts, there is not much that the governor, representing the executive branch of our government, or the legislature, representing the law-making branch, can do until the trials at Wahoo are ended."

Governor Hears Father. Andrew Bloom, the girl's father, with John Gormedinger and E. E. Carr, neighbors, followed by E. C. Wignerhorn, an Ashland banker, called on Governor McMullen Wednesday morning.

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To Avoid Developments. Finally the officers caught the fleeing boys and, after talking to them, a fight among farmers, and E. C. Wignerhorn, an Ashland banker, called on Governor McMullen Wednesday morning.

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Senator Faces Charges. Washington—A charge that Senator Tyson, democrat, Tennessee, who took office March 4, "used money corruptly" in his campaign, was made in a petition filed in the senate.

Cross-word Puzzle Fans

We have a surprise for you. Watch for it. Don't miss it. SEE THE OMAHA BEE NEXT MONDAY

ACCUSED SLAYER IS FOUND GUILTY

By International News Service. Kimball, Neb., March 18.—E. L. Griffith, insurance agent, is guilty in the second degree of the murder of Jerry Mandrell, local merchant and former Coloradoan, according to a verdict returned by the jury early this afternoon, after 24 hours deliberation. Griffith charged Mandrell with intimate relations with Mrs. Griffith and testified he shot Mandrell early last month when the latter refused to leave town.

Reorganization of St. Paul Rapid.

Leaders Predict Heavy Court Liquidation of Road's Securities Breaks Out After Receiver Is Asked in Court Action.

New York, March 18.—A rapid reorganization of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul company under the receivership proceedings which were started simultaneously in New York and Chicago was forecast today as protective committees for stock and bond holders laid preliminary plans for a financial readjustment.

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Southern Illinois Is Swept by Big Twister, Wrecking Many Towns

Whole Communities Wiped Out by Disastrous Wind-storm, Lines of Communication Paralyzed; 300 Children Killed or Injured When Cyclone Strikes West Frankfort Schoolhouse.

Governor Sends Relief to Stricken Area

By The Associated Press. Chicago, March 18.—More than 1,500 persons are reported killed or injured by a tornado which swept through southern Illinois and Indiana late today, causing great property damage and virtually wiping out two or three towns in its path, from Missouri to the northeast. Wires were down in every direction under the fury of the wind and it was impossible tonight to check the reported casualties.

West Frankfort, Ill., a mining town, on the face of tonight's reports suffered the greatest loss of life, estimates of the dead running as high as 1,000. Murphysboro, 30 miles southwest of West Frankfort, with a population of 11,000 suffered severely with a casualty list reported as high as 250. Great havoc was wrought to buildings in this city and fire broke out in the debris. On report of this situation an effort was made by Governor Len Small to send troops to Murphysboro while relief trains and Red Cross workers prepared to depart from Chicago and St. Louis for the storm area.

Three of 500 Saved. While railroad dispatchers from previous experiences thought that first estimates of the casualties might prove excessive, it seemed certain from reports originating in many places on the edge of the storm's path that the dead might number into the hundreds. No reports had been received at a late hour from damage through the rural regions.

Among the other towns and cities to report damage and loss of life were DeSoto, Ill., with 50 casualties reported; Parrish, Ill., with all but three of a population of 500 reported either killed or injured; Princeton, Ind., with an estimate of 100 casualties; Griffin, Ind., with 20; Gorham, Ill., with 87; Carmi, Ill., with 150, and Crossville, Bush and Hurst, Ill., reporting serious damage and numerous casualties.

Schoolhouse Struck. Benton, Ill., March 18.—Unverified estimates received by the Benton Evening News early tonight were that perhaps 1,000 persons were killed in a tornado which struck West Frankfort, seven miles south of here, late today. Between 200 and 300 children were said to have been killed or injured when a schoolhouse blew down.

Paris, a town of about 300 population, was reported to have been virtually wiped out. Between 60 and 75 bodies were brought to Benton, according to reports.

Whole County Stricken. Benton, Ill., March 18.—More than 250 persons are reported dead and injured in Franklin county, Illinois, as the result of a severe tornado which struck about 3 this afternoon, according to reports received here early tonight.

Mount Vernon, Ill., March 18.—Seven persons were killed in a tornado at DeSoto, Ill., late today, reports over railroad wires said. Storm bills bearing today's date were picked up by the storm at Murphysboro and found as far away as Fairfield, 65 miles northwest, it was said.

Governor Acts. Springfield, Ill., March 18.—First aid to reported tornado-stricken cities of Murphysboro and West Frankfort was ordered by Governor Small and Adj. Gen. Carlos E. Black at 6 tonight.

Paducah, Ky., March 18.—Murphysboro, DeSoto and Bush, Ill., have been practically wiped out by a cyclone. Hundreds are reported dead and wounded, according to a message received by local Illinois Central railroad officials from Chief Dispatcher Dickey at Carbondale at 5 this afternoon.

Village Wrecked. St. Louis, Mo., March 18.—One man, named Stewart, was killed, scores of persons were injured and all but three buildings were destroyed in a wind storm at Annapolis, Mo., a village of about 200 population, today, according to reports brought to Ironton, Mo., late today by C. E. Pyrtle of Carbondale, Ill.

Springfield, Ill., March 18.—Illinois central operators at Christopher drove to West Frankfort this afternoon and declared the dead are strewn about the streets and blocks of buildings are in ruins, according to word received at the railroad offices here. The town of Parrish was said to have been literally blown away.

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