

Menoher Refuses To Loan Balloons For Air Congress

Congressman Jefferis Fails to Obtain Use of Fort Omaha Gas Bags for Demonstration.

By E. C. SNYDER, Washington Correspondent Omaha Bee, Washington, Sept. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—Congressman Jefferis today had an extended interview with Gen. C. T. Menoher, chief of the air service, with reference to the application of the Omaha Aero club for the use of the army balloons, now located at Fort Omaha, in conjunction with the coming International Aero Congress to be held in Omaha November 3, 4 and 5. "Big Jeff" told General Menoher that the committee representing the congress was asking for the loan of the balloons for staging a balloon race that was to be one of the spectacular features of the meeting. He further requested that the air service of the army sell the aero congress 125,000 cubic feet of hydrogen gas, now in storage at Fort Omaha, to fill the balloons. General Menoher told the Omaha congressman that the department was not clothed with power to grant permission for the use of the army balloons, as they are not used save for official purposes and they could not be permitted to participate in flying events conducted under private auspices. Asked if the army air service contemplated any flights in Omaha on or about November 3, 4 and 5, General Menoher said that balloon activities hereafter would be largely confined to the Bellevue field and that Fort Omaha would not be the scene of any further balloon activities. Representative Jefferis then asked if the committee in charge of the aero congress might purchase a portion of the gas now in storage at Fort Omaha. The air chief, who is shortly to return to his regiment at his own request, stated that this gas has not been declared surplus and was therefore not for sale.

Youth Hiking From West Coast to Maine Hits Omaha

Meet the I. W. W. face to face with argument," is the method employed by Arthur N. Smith, a husky sun-tanned youth of Bryans Pond, Me., who arrived in Omaha yesterday on foot from the west. "Wobblies or government agitators are not such a hard lot," Smith declared in a visit with American Legion men in the court house. "You've got to face them with solid argument."

2 Fined \$10 for Intoxication

G. C. Taylor, railroad man of Fremont, Neb., and W. S. Foreman, plumber of Chadron, Neb., were fined \$10 each in South Side police court yesterday on a charge of being drunk. They were arrested last night at Twenty-sixth and O streets in the midst of a heated argument.

Girl Leaves Home After Quarrel With Mother Over 'Fatty'

College Springs, Ia., Sept. 20.—Ada Gillfillan, 16, a farmer's daughter, was found in a straw stack 18 miles from home. She had been without food and water for three days. "Fatty" Arbuckle was her film favorite. She had pictures of him in her room. She said her mother whipped her when she refused to take them down. So she ran away from home. When found in a semi-conscious condition she had a picture of Arbuckle clasped to her chest.

Vegetable Rates From West Are Cut

Reductions Total More Than Half of Raise Granted in 1920.

Washington, Sept. 20.—Decision of the transcontinental railroads to reduce rates on vegetables from California and other Pacific coast territory points to the territory between the Rocky mountains and Chicago and the Mississippi river was announced today by the Interstate Commerce Commission. The reductions will substitute a 15 per cent increase over the rates in effect August 25, 1920, for the 33 1-3 per cent increase which went into effect August 26, 1920, "thus removing more than half of the increase made at that time," the commission said. "A large volume of movement takes place annually under the rates to be reduced," the commission added, "and it is hoped that the reductions will materially assist growers and shippers of western vegetables." It was indicated that the commission will authorize the reduction to be put into effect in less than the usual 30 days notice.

Fremont to Pay Homage to "Buddies," War Victims

Fremont, Neb., Sept. 20.—(Special.)—Fremont will pay homage to two of its war heroes in a double funeral of Ernest Larson and Luther Peterson. The men were lifelong pals, born in the same block, educated in the same schools, members of the same company and victims of the same shell in France. The body of Private Larson has arrived and the funeral will be held as soon as the body of his "buddy" reaches Fremont. They will be buried side by side.

Burchard Farmer Injured In Fall to Elevator Pit

Pawnee City, Neb., Sept. 20.—(Special.)—Fred Smith, farmer, living near Burchard, was seriously injured while dumping a load of wheat at the Burchard elevator. He let the rear of the wagon down in the process of dumping the grain. The wagon seat upon which he was sitting fell over backwards, letting him fall into the bin below. Paul Wenzel, elevator operator, stopped the machinery and Smith was taken from the pit, unconscious. His neck was dislocated.

Emergency Fund For Service Men Now Ready Here

Legion Adjutant Expects Many Applicants—\$50,000 Available—Blanks at Court House.

The emergency fund appropriated by the state of Nebraska for the relief of ex-service men is ready for distribution, according to an announcement made yesterday by H. C. Hough, adjutant of the Douglas county post of the American Legion. The amount available this year is \$50,000. Blank applications are on hand at the American Legion office in the court house. The legion has full charge of the disbursement of the money. Adjutant Hough expects many applicants. "The money will be loaned or in some cases given only to those ex-service men who are in actual need of food, wearing apparel, medical aid, care or relief," he said. Penalties for fraudulent representations to obtain aid through the fund is a fine not to exceed \$500 or imprisonment in a county jail not to exceed six months, or both.

Alleged Hooch Purveyor Gives Policemen Slip

Fremont, Neb., Sept. 20.—(Special.)—While officials were searching the recesses of a pantry at the home of Frank Rhein, alleged to have been hiding a quantity of "hooch," the owner slipped out of the house through the front door. The police found two and a half gallons of the liquor, but Rhein is still at large. A mysterious phone call—a feminine voice—informed the department that whisky was hidden in the pantry at the Rhein home. The four officers who made the raid were crowded in the little store room searching for the booze, when they finally located it in a secret compartment beneath a flour bin. When they started to look for Rhein, who welcomed them at the door upon their arrival, the man was nowhere to be found. An all-night search failed to locate the alleged bootlegger.

"Beauty and the Beast" Feature Legion Meeting

Fremont, Neb., Sept. 20.—(Special.)—The Fremont post of the American Legion is planning a feature for the state convention to be held here the latter part of September by staging a "Beauty and the Beast" moving picture. The most beautiful girl in Fremont will be chosen from pictures to be submitted for the contest. The "Beast" will be the homeliest man attending the convention, and chosen by a vote at the conference here. Many photos have already been submitted and it is expected that the three judges, prominent Nebraska men, will have a difficult time in giving a decision. "Beauty and the Beast" will form a part of the moving pictures to be taken of the entire convention for exhibit before other state conventions.

Bank Robber Suspect Arrested in Bluffs

Robert F. Earl, 2322 Avenue B, Council Bluffs, believed to be the last of a gang which held up the Drake Park bank in Des Moines more than a year ago, was arrested yesterday by Percy Lainsan and Sumner Knox, state agents, and Police Captain Shafer. Earl has been staying at the home of his brother. He has been arrested several times in Council Bluffs in connection with box car thefts. He is also said by police to be wanted in South Dakota, and may possibly be implicated in the Weston bank robbery.

Chief of Traffic Bureau To Attend Rate Hearing

C. E. Child, Chief of Commerce traffic bureau manager, will go to Hastings today to represent Omaha in a rate fight which Hastings and Grand Island contend that class rates from the east are unreasonable and show discrimination, as compared to rates to Omaha and Lincoln. The action, brought by the two Nebraska towns in an effort to have class rates materially reduced, will be heard before the interstate commerce commission at Hastings. It is alleged by Hastings and Grand Island jobbers that they are greatly handicapped by the "discrimination." Mr. Child said Omaha would take no side in the case and would merely protect "its own interests."

Wyoming Prison Warden Injured in Auto Wreck

Cheyenne, Wyo., Sept. 20.—Frank A. Hadsell, warden of the state penitentiary and one of the pioneers of Wyoming, had a narrow escape from death when his auto missed a bridge at a point four miles east of Rawlins and plunged 10 feet into a creek. Hadsell suffered a broken knee cap and was badly bruised about the body. Mrs. Hadsell suffered a broken nose and other injuries. Both were lying unconscious in a creek bed when found by a passing tourist some time later. Hadsell is a former United States marshal and known all over the west.

Gallant Motorist Finds Woman Left Purse in Car

Hugo Heyn, 112 South Thirty-fifth avenue, has a woman's purse he doesn't know what to do with. He found it in his car Monday night after he gave two women he found waiting in the doorway at the Union station a lift uptown. The purse contains about \$20 in cash and a railroad pass bearing the name, Mrs. A. Bennetson, Shelton, Neb. Mr. Heyn yesterday asked police to help him locate the owner.

Eyes Inflamed?

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Des Moines Railroad Engineer Kills Self; Wreck in 1907 Blamed

Des Moines, Ia., Sept. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—A railroad accident in 1907 was the probable cause of the suicide of C. W. Fesenmeyer, Des Moines, engineer on the Great Western, at Oelwein Sunday afternoon. Fesenmeyer slashed his throat with a razor in a rooming house. His body was found in the bath tub by a boy, who went to call him to go out on his run. In 1907 Fesenmeyer received a gash on the forehead which almost tore the scalp from his head while driving his train on his regular run, and since that time has been subject to fits of nervousness bordering on melancholia. Ever since that time, there has been a sore spot on his right temple, where the jagged scar was left, says Mrs. Fesenmeyer. Police think he could not endure the thought of suffering indefinitely, and took his life in a fit of depression.

Nebraska Irrigation District Head in Capital

Washington, Sept. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—H. F. Parsons, manager of the Farmers Irrigation district, with headquarters at Scottsbluff, Neb., is in Washington on business with the Interior department. There are 65,000 acres under this ditch, 55,000 acres being under cultivation.

Morgan Funeral to Be Held In Washington Wednesday

Washington, Sept. 20.—(Special Telegram.)—Funeral services for Raymond B. Morgan, who jumped

from the Connecticut Avenue bridge here Sunday, while suffering from a breakdown due to overwork, will be held Wednesday. The body will be placed in a vault in Rock Creek cemetery and may be taken later to the home of Mrs. Morgan in Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. William E. Morgan, father and mother of the deceased, were visiting in York, Neb. They are now enroute to Washington.

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