Sleuth and One **Bandit Killed** In Gun Battle

Two Others Wounded as Officers Storm Rendezvous of Thieves on Farm Near **Council Bluffs.**

(Continued From Page One.) oman. They herded the five men into one room of the farm house and disarmed them. A sixth man was sleeping in a car in the yard. The woman, who appeared to be sick, was permitted to remain in bed. Four of the men carried .45 caliber revolvers.

After the men were rounded up the woman began to choke violently and Knox summoned the man who is believed to be W. A. Bennett.

"Your wife seems sick, you'd better go in and see her," Knox told the man.

The suspected thief went into the There, it is believed, the room. woman in some manner slipped a gun to the man, for a few seconds later he appeared at the doorway of the room and opened fire on Lane and Murray.

Murray Instantly Killed.

was wounded in the Lane shoulder. Murray dropped to the floor, dead. Lane, although wounded, opened

fire on his assailant. The man fell but recovered sufficiently to fight his way out of the house. Just outside the back door, however, he fell again, this time dead.

Then the wounded detective turned his attention to the remaining prisoners. He walked into a fusilade of bullets and suffered a second wound, the bullet piercing his body just below the heart. The prisoners, when the firing began, seized the weapons which had been taken from

hem and rushed toward the door. There they met Knox, Jones, Johnson and Morgan, who had been scouting the premises. In a barrage of shots they fought their way to freedom. With them was the woman, who as soon as the shoot-ing started, quickly regained her health.

Run Out of Ammunition.

man who gave his name as Brown, bullet struck him in the wrist nd deflected into his neck. In the exchange of shots that folholsters.

lowed, the officers ran out of ammunition and thus made it possible for the fugitives to escape.

When the officers approached the place, they found one man asleep in a car in the yard. Entering the house they encountered five other men, four of whom were armed with .45 calibre revolvers. Herding the men into a room, the officers searched them and took their guns. These were turned over to Detective Lane, who then was placed in charge of the five men in the one

was placed in charge of the woman. When the man, believed to be Bennett, entered the room where woman was lying in bed, Officer Murray's attention was momentarily distracted and it was during that time that the woman gave a gun, which had been secreted in the bed, to the man. With this Mur-ray, was killed and then attention nel house. was turned on Lane. As sound as Lane was injured the, men he was guarding made a break and secured their guns from Lane's pockest.



A view of the opening session of the investigation into the activities of the Ku Klux Klan now being con-ducted in the capitol by the house rules committee. Col. William Joseph Simmons, imperial wizard of the or-ganization, and other klan leaders, have been summoned to testify. Below is shown the rules committee. Left to right, P. P. Campbell, F. J. Garrett, A. S. Kreider, P. H. Dale, S. D. Fess, W. A. Rodenberg and D. R. Rior-dan. The photograph of Colonel Simmons was made at the inquiry.

Plant Given Council-

Company Then Makes

New Offer.

St. Paul newspapers, which lead of-ficers to believe the gang may have Lower Light Rate come from Minnesota. **For Plattsmouth** House Where Shooting Occured Is Off Road Request for Vote on Municipal

Nestled snugly among sparse trees and weather-beaten out-buildings, stands a small dirty yellow house on an isolated spot 300 off a well-traveled road northeast of Council Bluffs.

It faces the road and affords a commanding view of the terrain for miles around

When federal and railroad officers yesterday afternoon ventured upon the modest little place, little were they aware that every movement they made up the road was being watched by a band of suspected box car robbers secreted inside the house

Every Move Watched.

Run Out of Ammunition. Closer they approached the house shot from the revolver of Knox and no one appeared at the door to s believed to have wounded the challenge them. Such little fear did the officers have as to the imminent danger of a death battle that they left their guns untouched in their

But fro ma window in the front But fro ma window in the front bedroom a "lookout" reported the ad-vance of the officers upon the house. The die of the grup battle that from the former of The din of the gun battle that re- land, Me., president of the Plattssulted when the robber gang re- mouth Water company, also addresspulsed the raid by opening fire upon ed a communication to the council the officers, reverbrated through the informing them that the first 10-year surrounding hills like the fire of period in their franchise would be snipers' bullets in the moonshine

country. Robert Murray Fell First. Robert Murray special agent for the Northwestern railroad, was the first to fall mortally wounded by the open fire of the suspects. Elmer Lane, Council Bluffs detective, fell wounded not far from Murray.

THE BEE: OMAHA, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1921.

Illness Halts **Probe Testimony Of Klan Wizard**

Senator Watson, Stormy Petrol of Georgia, Interrupts Hearing With Demand for Fair Deal to Ku Klux.

Washington, Oct. 14.-William J. him. After a moment's further de-lay Chairman Campbell said: immons, imperial wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, was prevented by illness "I think you may ask your questoday from appearing before a house "Well, I won't claim my rights committee for examination by mem-

here," exploded Senator Watson, bers as to actvities of the order. suddenly changing his mind, "but I will when this thing gets to the The imperial wizard collapsed yes-terday at the close of a five hours statement and later was placed in United States senate charge of a physician who ordered him to stay in bed. Dr. W. G. Manning, the physician attending Mr. Simmons, reported

that he was suffering from acute bronchitis and general exhaustion. Hearing Adjourned. Chairman Campbell adjourned the

hearing after stating that Dr. Manning had informed him Mr. Simmons could not possibly appear carlier than Monday.

'Simmons complained of illness when he took the stand yesterday. He resumed his testimony this morning to such an investigation. If the klan with a huge purple muffler wound is found guilty of the charges made about his neck. He spoke with more against it, he said, he is willing to order it to disband at once. than usual fervor when he was bringing his statement to a close and The colonel vehemently denied when he had finished he was seized that the klau was the author of with a violent nausea and sank into threatening letters. On the con-trary, he stated, he has received hundreds of letters threatening him a chair, apparently in a state of utter collapse, Klansmen gathered about him, giv-

ing him first aid and in the course with death. "I don't believe those letters came from the klan," he said. "I do not of a few minutes he revived suffibelieve the klan wants to kill its own wizard.'

Officers Arrest Farmer

When Whisky Found in Home Deputy Sherifis Johnson and

Hoye, with three government agents, Another exciting incident of the raided the home of Tony Zimmerly, south of Waterloo, yesterday on a of the hearing room by Senator Tom search warrant. They arrested Tony Watson, the stormy petrel of Geor- and brought back eight gallens of

bluntly informed the committee that Lutheran Associations he was going to see that the imperial Name Officers at Beatrice wizard received a square deal." He threw the hearing into a hub-bub, Chairman Campbell at first at-tempted to prevent Senator Watson from asking questions. He said that he could not accord the privilege to an "outsider" Beatrice, Neb., Oct. 14.-(Special.) The Lutheran Hospital association held its annual meeting and cleeted officers as follows: President, Rev. M. Leninger of Plymouth; secretary-treasurer, Rev. Paul Matuschka of "outsider." "I am not an outsider, and you

treasurer, Rev. Faul Matuschka of Lincoln; assistant treasurer, Henry Scheve of Ellis. The Hospital Aid association also held its annual ses-sion and elected these officers: President, Mrs. J. J. Timken of Be-atrice; vice president, Mrs. Scharrer of, Firth; sccretary, Mrs. Densinger of Bremen, Kan; treasurer, Mrs. will permit me if you want to be inir," Senator Watson shouted. "I am a United States senator and a am going to see that the witness has fair play."

fr play." Colonel Simmons stepped forward of Bremen, Kan.; treasurer, Mrs. Henry Scheve of Beatrice, Members and placed his hands on the fiery statesman's shoulder as if to calm

of the associations from Hanover, Bremen, Kan., and Plymouth, Lincoln, Sterling and other points in Nebraska were present.

Grand Island Bank Head

the various state prohibition enforce-ment corps. The department, he sa', would use every effort to weed out enforcement officials, whether **Resigns to Go to California** Grand Island, Neb., Oct. 14.-(Special Telegram.)-The resignahigh or low, who did not appear to (Special Telegram.)—The resigna-tion of J. W. Thompson, vice pres-ident of the Grand Island Nation-al bank, has been announced . Mr. Thompson desires to join his father ough house-cleaning" in the Penna and the rest of the family in Calisylvania organization. fornia. The vacancy has been filled by the affiliation of A. B. Newell, Mr. Haynes earlier in the day an-nounced he had transferred John Exbanker of Glenville, and recently nicios, a general agent, from the elected president of the Nebraska Baptist organization, who has pur-chased Mr. Thompson's interests and Pacific department to the Pittsburgh district. Mr. Exnicios supplants Samuel B. Wolfe, whose future status was not made clear in the

Small Crowd at Meeting

reported his connection with the bureau would cease at an early date. H. C. Ruter of the Washington **Of Gage County Farmers** Beatrice, Neb., Oct. 14.-(Special.) —The annual meeting of the Gage County Farmers' union was held at headquarters already has been sent to Pennsylvania as associate director with State Director McConnell, the ChautauquaY park, but as the Mr. McConnell conferred with Mr. attendance was not large, clection of officers was postponed. A basket dinner was served at noon. State President C. J. Osborne addressed Haynes today, but the only information which came from the meeting was that the state director was "in thorough accord" with the commissioner's program. Reports that Mr. McConnell would resign again were the meeting and took an optimistic view of the future. He expressed the belief that the \$1,000,000,000 loan

denied. authorized by the war finance corporation will do much to relieve the Lincoln Dentist and Wife

Injured in Auto Crash

Haynes Plans Big

"House-Cleaning"

Prohibition Commission to

Weed Out Officers Not in

Full Sympathy With

Enforcement Policy.

Washington, Oct. 14 .- Prohibitiou

Commissioner Haynes, in a state-ment tonight, announced his deter-

mination to "correct weaknesses" in

official statement, although it was

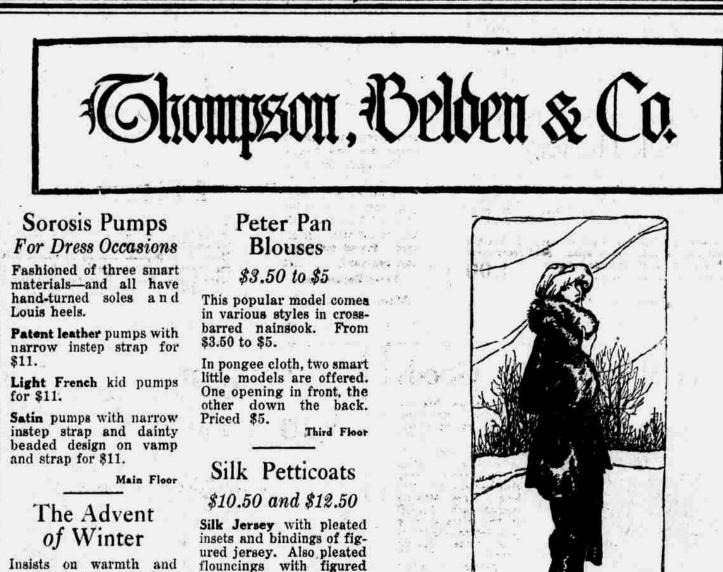
In "Dry" Forces

Road Makes Special Rate Beatrice, Neb., Oct. 14.-(Special.) Dr. Colby, Lincoln dentist, and his

To Convention of Legion wife were severely bruised when their auto turned over six miles north of Beatrice. They were Kansas City, Oct. 14. - The St. Louis and San Francisco railroad announced a 1-cent rate, applicable brought to a hospital here for treatboth to day coaches and sleeping ment. They were running at a high cars, for accredited delegates to the rate of speed when they reached a American Legion national conventurn, their car turning completely tion which opens here October 31. over.

ciently to announce that he was high school fraternities, have been ready to submit to cross-examina-tion. His condition was such, howdenied membership in university iraternities, according to a stateever, that Chairman Campbell, after ment issued by O. J. Fee, chairman conference with members of the of the investigation committee of committee, decided to call the inquiry the Interfraternity council. This inoff for the day. cluded all men from the Omaha Central high school, who during the Watson Creates Scene. last year have been members of the session was an unexpected invasion Alpha Sigma Lambda, Beta Phi Sig-

gia politics, who demanded the right | corn whisky. No still was discovered to question Colonel Simmons, and



Omaha Youths Denied Membership In State **University Fraternities** Lincoln, Oct. 14 .- (Special)-Several Omaha youths, members of

Plattsmouth, Neb., Oct. 14.--(Spe-cial.)--The city council has unanimously voted to hire an engineer to make estimates of the probable cost of a municipal lighting plant, followma or Phi Lambda Epsilon. The names of those denied membership ing receipt of a petition signed by more than 200 residents asking that were not divulged. a municipal plant proposition be

Names of Omaha men pledged to presented to the voters at a special fraternities here as announced today election. Present at the same meetare: Alpha Sigma Phi, Irwin Jet-ter, Edward F. Manger, Willard O. Usher; Beta Theta Pi, Alfred R. ing was Manager James Kuykendall of the Nebraska Gas & Electric com-

pany, who promised a reduction from 15 cents to 13 cents per kilo-Hanson; Bushnell Guild, Peter T. Barber: Delta Epsilon, John Peterwatt to small private consumers and a renewal of the street lighting con-tract at prewar price, if the city would renew their contract for a period of years. Pressed for a stateson; Phi Delta Theta, Maynard Buchanan; Phi Knappa Psi, C. Francis Sperry! Sigma Alpha Epsi-lon, John Madden; Sigma Phi Epsi-

ment regarding a reduction in the, lon, Dave Broadwell, E. Slattery. Veterans' Bodies Arrive In Omaha

up next May, and that it would either be up to the city to purchase **Two Omaha Heroes Included** In Number Reaching

the plant or stand for a raise in rates at that time. The only action City.

woods with the 89th division.

Leonard Conley, son of Viret E Conley, 4211 South Twentieth street, was killed in action October 17, 1918.

with services at the home. Burial

Sidney Resumes Meetings

Sidney, Neb., Oct. 14.-Special)-egular meetings of the Sidney

Chamber of Commerce have been

resumed. A good representation at-tended the first meeting. Problems

of community interest were discuss-

ed and committees appointed to re-

port at the next meeting, looking

toward merchants sales to be con-

ducted at intervals, during the fall

Forgery Charge Dismissed

Beatrice, Neb., Oct. 14 .- (Special.)

The case against Tom Day, Be-

atrice boy charged with forgery, was

dismissed when a satisfactory settle-

ment had been made on the alleged

forged checks with W. A. Jordan,

one

and winter.

will be in West Lawn cemetery.

Chamber of Commerce at

Two Omahans who died in the service of the United States overseas during the world war arrived

Inquiry to Proceed. A few minutes later, Senator Wat-m, subsiding, quietly left the room. Between the imperial wizard's conapse and Senator Watson's out-

assumes his office and duties.

inquiry for several days with the longer before it decides whether to recommend a thorough congres-sional investigation of the clan. In his testimony, Colonel Simmons offered to leave the fate of the klan

burst, not much was added to the sum total of knowledge concerning the mysteries of the klan. The committee apparently expects to proceed

Were Searching Garage.

bouse. Under cover of the garage they commanded a clear view of the front rants of the district at par.

commanded a clear view of the front and rear doors and north side of the house, but the bandits made their escape through a window on the south side of the house and gained the top of a nill from where they directed several shots in the general direction of the house and officers below. The band then broke of the started in different direct up and started in different direc- accessories were taken. The thieves

farm house.

farm house. The man who gave his name as Brown was captured while beating his way toward Council Bluffs via the Rock Island railroad tracks. He was spotted by reporters for The Bee, who were traveling along the River-to-River road. The Bee rewith an armed searching party which took the man in custody. He made no resistance. He said he had walked and run about five miles despite the wound in his neck.

Farm Was Leased.

The scene of the fatal battle was

The scene of the fatal battle was on a farm owned by Mrs. Lena Snyder just east of the Keeline fruit farm. Last March Mrs. Snyder leased the place for one year to a man who gave the name of W. A. Bennett. It was this man Lane be-lieves who opened fire on the offi-cers and subsequently was killed. Three automobiles and about \$300 worth of clothing, believed to be box car loot, were uncovered on the place when the officers raided it yes-terday afternoon. One car, a Buick, carried a Colorado license, 2-878, A Ford touring car carried a Missonin, a Ford truck, had an, Iowa license, 32,066. Had Many Callers.

Had Many Callers.

Neighbors reported that since the Plattsmouth Man Wounded Begnett man took possession of the farm, automobiles repeatedly had been seen drawing up before the place, particularly late at night. They resumed the farm was a rendez-ous for bootleggers. The farm house in which the party

The farm bouse in which the party was surrounded consists of six rooms, four downstairs and two up. It is an unpretentious place and is located about a quarter of a mile of the road which runs to the Kee-ling fruit farm from the River-to-River road.

Upstairs in the house were several caracul

Thus was the modest little far house that was known for miles around as the Snyder Home turned in a fe wminutes to a veritable char-(Continued From Fage One.)

committee.

Allied Debt Refund

the refunding of the \$11,000,-

in both branches of congress on the

ground that it gave too great author-

ity to one man. A substitute bill proposed by Representative Frear of Wisconsin, a republican member

of the ways and means committee

who has led the attacks upon the measure in the house, provided for the creation of a commission com-

posed of the chairman and tanking

minority members of the senate fi-nance committee, the house ways

and means committee and the comp-

troller general. The ways and means

Approval Necessary.

the cases of actions by the

000,000 in foreign loans. Criticism was killed in action October 17, 1918. has been directed against the bill He will be buried Sunday alternoon

Sidney Will Vote on Bonds To Take Up School Warrants Hoover and possibly Secretary 5i State Hughes also will be named. The president might choose to se-lect a banker to serve as one of the Sidney Will Vote on Bonds Sidney, Neb., Oct. 14.—(Special) members. —The Sidney school board has call-ed a special election October 29, to vested broad authority in the secre-in the Bohemian National cemetery. Leonard Conley, son of Viret E. vote upon the proposition of issuing tary of the treasury in connection refunding bonds to the amount of with the refunding of the \$11,000,-

While the shooting was going on Summer Knox and the other men in the raiding squad were searching a garage that stands on the north side of the house. They started for the house as soon as they heard the shooting, but were forced to retire by gunife which was being direct-ed at them from the windows in the house

committee, however, preferred to create a commission composed of members appointed by the president. In

tions, making their escape. Posses were hastily organized in Council Bluffs and started guarding the roads and countryside near the taken from a car belonging to Gerproposed commission final approval by the president would be neces. In the opinion of President Hardald Geis, who is staying at the home of Henry Mublenburg. Two other cars at the Muhlenburg place were

not molested.

ing, the creation of a commission does not change the purpose of the bill in any material respect. Secre-tary Mellon has indicated that he would prefer to share the responsi-**Eighteen Men Injured**

bility with others. Secretary Mellon, in his letter to In Coal Mine Explosion Bend and Coquille as a result of a coal dust explosion at the Beaver Hill mine near Coquille. Six of the men are seriously burned and of the men are seriously burned and physistituted for those of another councians said two may die. The mine is owned by the Southern Pacific Railroad company. The entire day shift of 18 men try without the sanction of congress. This is designed to prevent the ac-ceptance of German or Austrian bonds. President Harding and Sec-Mellon see no serious objec-

retary tion to this amendment. The ways and means committee has under consideration a proposal

of German and Austrian bonds be prohibited, but it was thought best not to mention either Germany or will address the Advertising-Selling Austria in the bill.

May Limit Time.

The Mellon letter also will deal with the length of time during which the authority to refund the foreign loans will remain effective. The ways and means committee favors limiting the time to three years instead of five years as provided in the bill approved by the senate

Mr. Frear that the acceptance

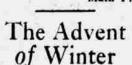
finance committee. Representative Fordney, chairman

Plattsmouth, Neb., Oct. 14.-(Spe-cial.)-Unidentified men driving a car fired a volly of shots at Frank Bucacek, as they pulled alongside his car. Bucacek made a dash for a patch of cane alongside the roadway, but was struck in the arm by one of the shots. No reason for the shoct. will call a meeting early next week at which final action will be taken on the bill. Under the program of the house leaders the bill will be on Thursday and probably passed with only one day's discussion. The the shots. No reason for the shoot-

ing has been advanced. A new cape of black shows a chin collar, the inner part being of tan caracul and the outside of black passed, which probably will be be-fore the call of October.

Plan Given Approval Continued From Fage One.) home yesterday in a shipment of hero dead. Twenty-six bodies in all were received but two of them were for Omaha. Frank Mislivec, whose parents re-side at 5032 South Twentieth street, was killed in action in the Argonne

neral services will be held Sunday



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