

Priest Is Lured From Home, Slain

Called From His Bed by Man Who Represented He Wanted Curate to Answer Sick Call.

Authorities Are Baffled

Lead, S. D., Oct. 26.—The body of Father A. B. Belknap, rector of St. Patrick's cathedral here, was found early today on "Poor Man's Gulch" highway, just outside the city limits of Lead. A bullet from a large caliber revolver had pierced his heart.

The priest had been lured to his death by a man who, a few minutes before, had appealed to Father Belknap to come with him to administer the last sacraments of the church to a sick man.

Tonight the authorities of Lead were without a clue to the identity of the slayer. Bloodhounds were on the way from Mitchell, S. D., and when they arrive, Deputy Sheriff Warren Owen announced he will take up the search for the murderer.

Throughout the Black Hills, scores of men were ready tonight to form posses to apprehend the slayer of the young churchman. Officials were delayed in taking up the trail through failure to get bloodhounds from the Nebraska state penitentiary.

Although officials worked all day in efforts to solve the mystery of the killing, they admitted tonight they had made little progress.

Called at 3:15 o'clock this morning when a man rang the bell at the door of Bishop J. J. Lawler's residence, where Father Belknap lived. The young priest answered the call himself. Father Thomas Hoben, assistant to Father Belknap, heard the man at the door and overheard part of the conversation, he said.

The priest's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Belknap, who lived at the residence, also heard parts of the conversation. Like Father Hoben, they said they heard a man ask Father Belknap to come with him to the home of a sick friend who was about to die and who desired the sacrament of extreme unction administered.

Father Belknap readily consented, according to his parents and Father Hoben, who said they thought nothing of the call as "so many requests of the kind had been made before."

Father Belknap went to his garage to get his automobile. His visitor accompanied him. The starter on the car would not work and after a little delay, the pair left the garage, it was said.

Find Body in Road. That was the last occupants of the Bishop's residence heard of the priest until his body was found half an hour later. It lay in the roadway, face downward. A large bruise on the back of the priest's head indicated he had been struck from behind with a blunt instrument.

Tommy Berenson, who lives near where the crime was committed, reported to police that he heard several shots, probably five. Other residents of the vicinity also said they heard shots.

Men Admitted to Membership in Nebraska Women's Clubs

Officers Are Nominated and Fight for National Director Expected to Be Heated.

By MYRTLE MARON.

Seward, Neb., Oct. 26.—(Special.)—Men may be admitted into membership in the Nebraska Federation of Women's clubs, under the new constitution adopted at the annual session here Wednesday. The new constitution outlines the object of the organization, which will be incorporated under the state laws as a nonprofit sharing body, for civil and social betterment. Dues and representation will be based on the women membership.

"Men don't want us in their organizations and we don't want them in ours," said Mrs. I. W. Tolbert of Kearney, speaking against the provision. It carried despite protests. Rural delegates were responsible for its passage.

Mrs. Paul Perryman of Ord, corresponding secretary, said she already had application for membership from a club of 40, including men and women. There are other states already having this provision.

Officers Nominated. Opposing factions in the federation divided themselves for the election of the most hotly contested in the history of the federation.

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'Let Negro Vote,' Says President

Harding, in Speech at Birmingham, Ala., Right of Black Man to Ballot When It Opposes Social Equality

Opposes Social Equality

Birmingham, Ala., Oct. 26.—The right of the American negro to broader political, economic and educational advantages, based on a pride of race, but never on an aspiration for social equality, was championed by President Harding here today in a plainly-worded enunciation of his views on the whole American race problem.

These are some of the principles on which the president appealed to the nation to "lay aside old prejudices and old antagonisms and give support to a constructive policy of racial relationship."

"Politically and economically, there need be no occasion for great and permanent differentiation, provided on both sides there shall be recognition of the absolute divergence in things social and racial."

"I would insist upon equal educational opportunities for both."

"Men of both races may well stand uncompromisingly against every suggestion of social equality. This is not a question of social equality, but a question of recognizing a fundamental, eternal, inescapable difference."

"Racial amalgamation there can not be. Partnership of the races in developing the highest aims of all humanity there must be if humanity is to achieve the ends which we have set for it."

"The black man should seek to be, and he should be encouraged to be, the best possible black man and not the best possible imitation of a white man."

Praises South. The president's address, which brought him from Washington on his first extended trip into the south since the inauguration, was delivered at the opening of the celebration of the founding of the city of Birmingham. He praised the south for its industrial recovery and took occasion to renew his faith in the world leadership of a reunited nation. He said in part:

Setting Japan an Example



Financiers of State Criticize Reserve System

Kansas City Institution Not Loaning to Farmers in Proportion to Needs, Report Charges.

Norfolk, Neb., Oct. 26.—(Special.)—Sharp criticism of the Kansas City Federal Reserve bank, of which the Omaha bank is a branch, is contained in the report of a committee of bankers and financiers which met recently with Governor McKelvie to consider measures to help the farmers in their present financial straits.

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Credit Extension Sought. "The bank should not require farmers' and live stock growers' loans to be secured by quick assets sufficient to retire them, but some credit should be extended by reason of the investment in land and the guaranty of the member bank."

Loans Totalling \$825,000 Approved by Finance Body. Washington, Oct. 26.—Approval of advances aggregating more than \$825,000 on agricultural and live stock loans was announced today by the war finance corporation.

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Settlement Only Way to Stop Strike

Union Chiefs Say Men Would Not Obey Order From Them or Board to Remain at Work.

Little Progress Made

Chicago, Oct. 26.—Executives of the big four brotherhoods and the switchmen's union, after a day of verbal jockeying with the railroad labor board, declared late today no power save a "satisfactory settlement" can prevent their men walking out, beginning at 6 a. m. Sunday.

Their declaration came after a day of fruitless questioning, when Judge R. M. Barton, chairman of the board, asked each union president four or five questions:

"Who or what authority in your labor organization can withdraw the order to strike or stop a strike?"

"Suppose you, the chief executive of your labor organization, or your executive committee, issued an order or a statement that a strike should not occur, do you not believe the strike would be prevented?"

"If the board shall declare a strike is not justified and should not occur and direct that the employees not strike, will that order be obeyed?"

"Will you, as chief executive, use your power and influence to see that the orders of the board on the matter be obeyed?"

Cannot Cancel Order. The union chiefs, W. S. Stone of the engineers, W. G. Lee of the trainmen, L. E. Sheppard of the conductors, W. S. Carter of the firemen and T. C. Cashen of the switchmen, declared they had no power to cancel the strike order, expressed the individual opinion that their men would not obey an order from them or the board to remain at work, and reiterated their previous declarations that only a "satisfactory settlement" could avert the walkout.

Such a settlement, they said, would be reconsideration by the labor board of its 12 per cent wage reduction order of July 1, or a movement by the individual railroads to confer with the unions and set aside the board's order.

Two Persons Dead In Florida Storm; Many Homeless

Four Hundred Houses Washed Into Bay at Ybor City—Buildings Wrecked in Sacramento.

Tampa, Fla., Oct. 26.—Two persons were killed and more than \$1,000,000 damage was done as the result of a tropical storm which struck here yesterday.

Approximately 400 houses were washed into the bay at Palmetto beach, on the outskirts of Ybor City. The residential section along Bay Shore boulevard was covered with water over an area two blocks back from the sea wall.

Docks Destroyed. Lakeland, Fla., Oct. 26.—Refrigeration and wire communication lines late today with Ft. Meyers brought information that the city was hard hit by the storm. All docks were washed away and packing houses demolished.

So far as is known there was no loss of life in that immediate section, but fears were felt for persons who were at Crescent beach, a resort which is reported to have been destroyed. St. Petersburg reports no loss of life there.

Damage Heavy. Plant City, Fla., Oct. 26.—Storm damage in Tampa from yesterday's storm will reach at least \$1,000,000, according to reports received here today. Numerous houses were reported swept away, especially in the Palmetto park section, where the greatest destruction was wrought.

Fort Tampa was reported under attack from the sea. The flooding of the bay reached to the docks and yards and the sea wall were wrecked in many places, huge holes being made by the raging seas, while portions of handsome residences on the bay front were torn away. Many roofs were blown off and numerous

Mail Stolen in Frisco Robbery Is Recovered. San Francisco, Oct. 26.—The pouch of registered mail matter taken by the bandit who shot and killed Frank B. Adams, guard at the ferry postoffice, early today, has been recovered at a place which is being kept secret, postoffice authorities announced.

The pouch contained 120 pieces of registered mail. Adams was shot as he was about to aim a rifle at the bandit. He died at an emergency hospital before an ante-mortem statement could be obtained from him.

Two clerks, W. W. Needham and Willard S. Fleming, were also held up by the bandit and forced to enter a vault after the shooting of Adams. While they were in the vault, the bandit disappeared with the pouch of registered mail.

As far as is known, the bandit had no accomplices and used no conveyance in getting away from the scene of the shooting.

Jewelry Valued at \$60,000 Is Stolen in Los Angeles. Los Angeles, Oct. 26.—Jewelry said to be valued at \$60,000 and an automobile in which Sam Hurwitz, a salesman, was conveying it from one retail jeweler's establishment to another for exhibition purposes was stolen here today by two men, who jumped into the car and drove away immediately.

Murder of Fogg Confessed by Man Held as Burglar

Omahan Arrested on Tip Given by Prisoner at Kansas City Protests Innocence of Crime.

Shortly after 3 yesterday afternoon Chief of Detectives Van Deusen received a telegram from Detective Walton of Kansas City which read:

"Frank Pierce makes full confession of Frank Fogg murder in Omaha, implicating 'Finger' Stevens. Pick him up immediately. Letter and picture follow."

Frank Pierce, alias Bowman, was arrested in Kansas City Tuesday night for burglary and told the Missouri officials he was wanted in Omaha for murder.

Van Deusen summoned Detectives Franks, Aughe and Buford. "Get Stevens," he told them.

Go to Hospital. At the Stevens home, the three sleuths failed to locate anyone, but neighbors told them Mrs. Stevens had been taken to a hospital because of illness.

Stevens went to the Nicholas Senn hospital while Aughe and Buford began a systematic search of dope dens for Stevens, who police say is an addict.

While at the hospital, Franks saw a messenger boy enter Mrs. Stevens' room.

When the boy emerged, he questioned him and learned he had taken a message to the woman from her husband.

"Where's the husband?" asked the detective.

"At home," said the boy.

"Where does he live?" returned the sleuth.

Guide Leads Sleuths. "I don't know, answered the messenger, "but I'll take you to the place where he gave me the message."

Two Army Flyers Killed When Plane Crashes

Honolulu, T. H., Oct. 26.—Lieut. Ulric Bouquet of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Staff Sgt. Vernon E. Vickers of Montgomery, Ala., were killed today when their airplane crashed in flames while they were attempting to join a flight formation at a 2,000 foot altitude.

The machine first went into a tail spin and fell to a point 300 feet above the ground. It started to climb again, only to fall into another spin, the gasoline tank exploding at the same time.

The bodies and airplane were badly burned.

Lieutenant Bouquet was 31 years old and commanded an intelligence unit. The accident occurred at 8:30 a. m., the exact hour that Major Sheldon Wheeler was killed in a similar accident here last July, according to air service officers here.

Cabinet Votes Confidence in Policies of Briand. Paris, Oct. 26.—(By the Associated Press.)—The policies of the cabinet of Premier Briand were sustained by the chamber of deputies tonight when a vote of confidence resulted in 381 votes in favor of the government to 186 against it.

The vote of confidence in Premier Briand's cabinet is taken as an indication that he will head the French delegation to the Washington conference. Earlier in the debate, the French premier hinted that unless he were given a majority of at least 100 votes he would feel he would not be backed up by the French nation at the conference table.

Baltimore Police Kill Negro in Threatened Riot. Baltimore, Oct. 26.—A negro was killed in a battle with Baltimore police at Humphrey station, a suburb of this city, late last night, following a threatened race riot. The riot was precipitated by an assault upon a white girl by a negro. At a late hour a band of negroes were in a house, surrounded by police.

Dr. B. S. Harms Honored By Midwestern Anesthetists. Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 26.—Dr. David E. Hoag of Pueblo, Colo., today was elected president of the Midwestern Association of Anesthetists, which has been in session here several days.

Dr. B. H. Harms, Omaha, was elected vice president.

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Man Found Guilty of Kidnaping Pardoned

Olympia, Wash., Oct. 26.—George Stagg, former Tacoma newspaper man, convicted a year ago of kidnaping his son, was pardoned here today by acting Governor W. J. Coyle. Stagg came from the state prison at Walla Walla without a guard to meet with Coyle.

The desire of a father for the possession and affections of his child does not evidence a corrupt or criminal mind," the acting governor said, in announcing the pardon.

Stagg took the boy east, later restored him to his mother and then returned to plead guilty. Betty Brainerd, newspaper woman, was arrested in the east in connection with the case but was acquitted.

Heir to British Throne Starts on Trip to Japan

London, Oct. 26.—(By the Associated Press.)—The prince of Wales left the Victoria station at noon today for Portsmouth to embark on the battle cruiser Renown for a tour of India and Japan. Great crowds outside the station gave England's heir apparent an enthusiastic send-off, while on the platform were King George, Queen Mary, Princess Mary, Prime Minister Lloyd George, American Ambassador Harney and Ambassador Hayashi of Japan.

The leave-taking of the royal family presenting a touching scene. All of them were deeply moved, Princess Mary weeping while the king, with his arm over the prince's shoulder, was talking earnestly with him.

The prince will go to Japan, to return the visit to England of Crown Prince Hirohito. The prince's program also includes a short visit to the Philippine islands.

The Weather

Forecast. Nebraska—Generally fair Thursday and probably Friday; rising temperature Thursday. Iowa—Generally fair Thursday and probably Friday; warmer Thursday in west portion.

Hourly Temperatures. 5 a. m. 53 8 a. m. 53 11 a. m. 53 2 p. m. 53 5 p. m. 53 8 p. m. 53 11 p. m. 53