

# Ten Witnesses Tell of Neal's Suicide Threats

### Questioning of Defense in Auburn Murder Trial Is Effort to Show Premeditated Suicide.

Auburn, Neb., Nov. 21.—(Special Telegram.)—Attorneys defending Lucy Neal, charged with the murder of her husband, Ben Neal, endeavored to show by the testimony of 10 witnesses and one deposition that Neal had planned suicide for several years. The questioning of the attorneys was entirely along this line. The reasons given for this desire were domestic troubles, the waywardness of his stepson, Leland, and ill health.

Witnesses who testified to hearing Neal make threats on his own life were: Mayor J. C. Johansen, Brownville; Frank Shubert, Falls City; E. M. Kemter, Auburn; Arthur Simson, Auburn; J. W. Webber, Auburn; John Bridgewater, 1310 Poppleton avenue, Omaha; Frank Shubert, Shubert, Oscar Pond, Shubert, Glen Lewis, Nehalem; Joseph Wright, Auburn.

Relative Testifies. Wright, who is a brother-in-law of Mrs. Neal, testified that he had met Neal in the spring of 1919 and talked about his pending divorce. He said Neal told him he soon would be able to attend a double funeral as he intended to "blow his brains out," after which he would kill himself. Wright stated that he was at the Neal home the day before the tragedy and found both Neal and his wife happy.

Kemter, who is a painter, stated that he worked at the Neal home in Brownville two and a half years ago and that at that time Neal told him he was tired of living the kind of life he was. Kemter said that Neal told him his wife and daughter, Ava, had stolen his revolver but that it would be easy to get another when he wanted to kill himself. He testified that Neal constantly talked of his domestic troubles when away from the house, but at the table both he and his wife were friendly and called each other "papa" and "mama."

Says Health Poor. Arthur Simpson, piano tuner, stated that while moving the Neal piano Neal was greatly concerned over his health and could not confine himself to one subject. He testified that Neal threatened to "blow his head off some day."

Webber, retired farmer, stated he had known Neal 40 years. While the two were picking berries, he testified Neal told him of his domestic troubles. He said Neal claimed that his wife was at the Winsor hotel in Lincoln with A. N. Harris and another man and complained that she had no right to be there.

Omaha Gets Confused. John Bridgewater of Omaha testified that he lived in Brownville 14 years and helped Neal pick his apples. He said in December, 1920, while Mrs. Neal was in a hospital Neal threatened to "blow his brains out." He testified Neal told him that his wife was always nagging and that the boy would do nothing so he was going to kill himself.

Bridgewater became confused on cross-examination. Mrs. Neal was on the verge of tears when he completed his testimony.

Glen Lewis testified that he saw him immediately after having trouble and that Neal said, "I have a notion to shoot the whole McCully family." He said Neal told him he would soon blow his own brains out as not.

Extravagant in Talk. Testimony of other witnesses was along the same line. They said that he was extravagant in his talk and excited. All said that his threats to take his own life followed quarrels with his family. No testimony of suicide threats after June (when he became reconciled with his wife) was given.

"Hurry up and sell my property, because I want to settle my affairs and blow out my brains," Ben Neal said to Grant Shubert, Falls City real estate man, one day in the spring of 1919, Shubert testified.

"You'll leave a young widow if you do that," Shubert said he answered. "I'll take good care of that," Neal replied, Shubert said.

Mayor Testifies. J. C. Johansen, mayor of Brownville, said the Neal troubles seemed to start about six years ago, the waywardness of Mrs. Neal's son, Leland, by her first marriage. He told of witnessing quarrels of the Neals. Last spring he met Neal one day and asked as to his health. "Life is nothing to me," Neal answered, he said, "I'm going to blow my head off in these few days."

# Ohio Mayor Offers Protection to Spooners



Meet Mr. George V. Oles, recently elected mayor of Youngstown, O. Young and ambitious politician, take notice and please study the platform of the popular mayor-elect. Mr. Oles was elected on a freak platform providing for discontinuance of street car service, turning the streets over to jitney buses and for jailing any citizens who paid taxes under a recent revolution, which he considered too high. Other planks in Oles' platform include permitting "spooning" in city parks under police protection, dismissing the entire police force if it doesn't mend its ways, and a promise to turn his entire salary over to charity. Oles started in business in Youngstown with a barrel of potatoes and a wheelbarrow. Now he has one of the largest food businesses in the city.

Loyalists Call For Allegiance Of the Sinn Fein

Supporters of Ulster Call on Government to Make No Agreements Until Unity Idea Is Abandoned.

By The Associated Press. London, Nov. 21.—A "loyalist" meeting held in London today by a demonstration by supporters of Ulster adopted a resolution calling upon the government to enter into no agreement on the Irish question until the Sinn Fein swore allegiance to the crown, gave effective proof of the reality of such allegiance and until the idea of separate army for Ireland was abandoned.

The meeting placed on record its "deep sense of humiliation and regret" that negotiations were taking place between the government and persons "stepped to the lip in an expressed policy of assassination."

The resolution further called upon the cabinet to reiterate its pledges regarding the freedom of Ulster. It also gave "its emphatic opinion that any endeavor to persuade Ulster to submit to an all-Ireland parliament would be a gross breach of faith and a base betrayal of the nation's honor."

Brigadier General Decie, who commanded the crown forces in Limerick before the truce, said the Irish had learned during the war that the British government had not the courage to deal with revolutionaries.

Ulster will have to fight sooner or later, he said, "and if I were there I would fight now."

Daniels Pleads For Disarmament

Former Secretary of the Navy Says Present Meeting Is Only Hope for the World.

Kearney, Neb., Nov. 21.—(Special Telegram.)—"In disarmament of nations, as advocated by President Harding and set forward by Secretary Hughes, rests the hope of the world," stated Joseph Daniels, ex-secretary of the navy, who addressed a large audience at the Methodist church here and who spoke to the Chamber of Commerce.

# Government Will Gain by Decision Of Supreme Court

### Many Perplexing Income Tax Questions Involving Stock Dividends Cleared Up—U. S. to Collect Millions.

Washington, Nov. 21.—Decisions of the supreme court today, upholding government contentions in three income tax cases will, in the opinion of Solicitor General Beck and treasury officials, go far toward unperplexing many perplexing questions arising in stock dividend controversies and result in the recovery by the government of many millions of dollars.

Two of the cases were similar and involved taxation as income of stock issued stockholders of the Ohio Oil and the Prairie Oil and Gas companies and by the Ohio and the Prairie Pipe Line companies, respectively. The pipe line companies were organized by the oil companies after a decision by the supreme court that the Interstate Commerce and Federal Trade commission had jurisdiction over the companies operating pipe lines. The government contended the stock should be classed as income and taxed as such. This contention was opposed by the companies, and various stockholders, including John D. Rockefeller.

Pitney Wrote Opinion. Justice Pitney delivered the majority opinion. Justices Vanderventer and McReynolds dissenting. The majority opinion said: "The new stock represented assets of the oil company standing in the place of the pipe line properties that before had constituted portions of their surplus assets, and it was capable of division among stockholders as the pipe line properties were not. The distribution constituted in the case of each individual a gain in the form of actual exchangeable assets—it was in substance and effect, not merely in form, a dividend of profits by the corporation and individual income to the stockholders."

Decide DuPont Case. The third case in which a decision was handed down grew out of the organization of the E. I. DuPont de Nemours Powder company of Delaware by the parent company of the same name of New Jersey, which turned over to the Delaware corporation all its assets and took over the stock of the new corporation. The court, in holding the new stock which was distributed among the stockholders of the parent company subject to the income tax law, said:

"It appears that in substance and fact, as well as in appearance, the new stock, a profit, derived from his capital interest in the old company, not in liquidation of the capital, but in distribution of accumulated profits of the company. Hence, it constitutes individual income within the meaning of the income tax law."

Estimates were that the government would obtain at least \$30,000,000 in taxes from the litigants in the cases decided today, and the adjudication of many claims which have been pending in the treasury department, awaiting the outcome, would total many millions of dollars in addition.

Ask Liberalization Of Discount Rates

(Continued From Page One.) business men and representatives of farmers.

Ray Hammond Makes Address. In opening yesterday's meeting Mr. Hammond stated: "The federal reserve system has attempted to undo in a year all that has been built up in the previous six years' more nerve-racking times that men have ever experienced. It was the federal reserve banks that aided and abetted speculation by urging the banks of the country to avail themselves of its credit facilities. The system has brought about a destruction of that confidence which we are taught is the basis of all credit. It is not true that our government have confidence in the people from whom the power and wealth emanate?"

E. F. Folda, member of the finance committee of the Chamber of Commerce, suggested that the bankers engaged men face the federal reserve board in a conciliatory attitude and "not to place the blame of the chaotic inflating of money on one man."

"Must Watch and Wait." "The federal reserve board will do its best," Mr. Folda stated. "What good will come of its lending the government plenty of money? He will feed his grain and feed his cattle; then, where is the market for the live stock? The country must just watch and wait."

"Who is to blame for the present financial conditions? Isn't it the man who with covetous desire, sought to borrow, borrow, and keep on borrowing money without securities to buy land and wild stocks?" R. C. Peters, chairman of the finance committee of the Chamber of Commerce, cited financial figures to show that the farmer's dollar was inflated only to \$1.17 where the manufacturer's dollar went to \$2.04.

# Powers Will Not Compromise On Naval Proposal

### This Is Assured As Britain Seeks Emphatic Stand of U. S. in Face of Japan's Plea.

By GRAFTON S. WILCOX. Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Special Wire. Washington, Nov. 21.—There will be no compromise of the 5-5-3 ratio of capital ships as proposed in the American naval limitation plan for the United States, Great Britain and Japan.

This was assured today when Great Britain seconded the emphatic stand taken by the United States, in the face of Japan's plea for a greater allowance of capital ships, that the only way to stop the mad race for naval supremacy is to stop building warships and to adhere to the existing ratio of naval strength.

Britain Supports U. S. Great Britain, following a conference between Secretary Hughes and Mr. Balfour, let it be known that she will support the Hughes proposal to retain the existing capital ship ratio of the three naval powers unreservedly. Heretofore Great Britain accepted the American limitation in principle. Now she accepts it as the basis of the proposal is concerned, the retention of the status quo as to the capital ship strength of the respective naval powers.

Mr. Hughes has also conferred on the subject with Admiral Baron Kato of Japan who asked on behalf of his government that Japan be granted a little more than 10 per cent of battleship power in the limitation program. This conference is said to have further cleared the atmosphere regarding the American program, from a Japanese standpoint, and to have made assurance doubly sure that there will be a satisfactory agreement reached on reduction of naval armaments.

May Make Concession. There is a suggestion, however, that some concession would be made which might change the reduction plan with respect to capital ships, without altering the ratio. Japan's suggestion that she be allotted a little more than 60 per cent is said to be based primarily upon her desire to save the new dreadnaught Mutsu now nearing completion. If of sentimental or any other reason that can be regarded as justifiable under the circumstances, Japan insists upon saving the Mutsu, and there to stop building, she may be permitted to keep the ship. But if Japan gets the Mutsu, the United States will permit it would be relaxing the principle considerably but would not destroy it, inasmuch as the ratio would not be altered and construction would be stopped at a point only a trifle beyond that fixed in the American program, which would scrap all building as of November 11, 1921.

Arizona Mine Boss Says He Was Helpless

Simply Down and Out and Couldn't Move, Declares Harry Scott.

Harry E. Scott, a well-known mine boss, whose address is Box 683, Tombstone, Ariz., writes: "I was down and out nearly all the time with rheumatism and finally got to where I couldn't move, even to feed myself. My wife thought I'd never get well again, and she knew my condition better than anyone else."

"I was absolutely helpless when my wife started giving me Tanlac and in four days I ate a hearty meal for the first time in many months. Tanlac put me on my feet and I'm back on the job working hard and weighing just fine. I have gained 12 pounds in weight, too."

Tanlac is sold in Omaha by the Sherman & McConnell Drug Co. and by leading druggists everywhere.

666 is a prescription for Colds, Fever and LaGrippe. It's the most speedy remedy we know.

KEEP LOOKING YOUNG It's Easy—If You Know Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets

# Dog Hill Paragrafts

By George Bingham. Slim Pichens, of this city, was at the Tickville dry goods store Tuesday looking at a new suit of clothes.



The man who was trying to sell him the suit liked it fine and bragged on it.

Club Hancock says he would not mind borrowing anything from anybody if it would do so much trouble to take it home.

Atlas Peck spent Tuesday at the moonshine still on Musket Ridge trying to dodge his chill.

Bandits Rob Man of \$400 In Entrance of His Home

Chris Amis was entering the door of the building where he lives, 701 South Sixteenth street, at 1:30 a. m., when two men seized him, pushed revolvers against him and told him to hold up his hands.

The men took \$400, Amis told police. Then they told him to "heat it upstairs and keep quiet." They ran out of the door while Amis called police.

The police report of the affair identified Amis as one of the proprietors of the Candyland confectionary store. This, however, is an error, as Candyland is owned by Nicholas Petrow and Mitchell Giannou. Mr. Giannou said this morning that Amis was an employee of his firm two years ago but that he had no interest in the store.

# Injured in Saw

Beatrice, Neb., Nov. 21.—(Special Telegram.)—Donald Hubbard, 22, had his right arm almost severed in a circular saw while at work on the farm of his uncle, Frank Sales.

# HOW TO DARKEN GRAY HAIR

A Cincinnati Barber Tells How to Make a Remedy for Gray Hair.

A well known resident of Cincinnati, Ohio, who has been a barber for more than forty years, recently made the following statement: "Anyone can prepare a simple mixture at home, at very little cost, that will darken gray hair, and make it soft and glossy. To a half-pint of water add 1 ounce bay rum, a small box of Barb's Compound and one-fourth ounce glycerine. These ingredients can be bought at any drug store at a very little cost. Apply to the hair twice a week until the desired shade is obtained. This will make a gray-haired person look 20 years younger. It is easy to use, does not color the most delicate scalp, is not sticky or greasy and does not rub off."

EMPRESS TWO SHOWS IN ONE

ED HUME & CO., in a comedy with music: AUSTIN & DELANEY, in "The Syncopated Hotel"; THORNTON SISTERS, presenting "Bits of Harmony"; JOHN GEIGER and his talking violin, Photoplay attraction "THE MAGIC CUP," featuring Constance Binney.

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HARRY AND EMMA SHARRICK BOB CARLETON and JULIA BALLEW. Mary Dore, Tommie Grey & Co., Zarrillo, Bennett Sisters & Co., Amy's Fabrics, "Topics of the Day," Pathé News Weekly. Matinee—12 to 2:00, Sat. & Sun. 11:25 Sat. and Sun.

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# Gold at Beatrice

Beatrice, Neb., Nov. 21.—(Special Telegram.)—The coldest weather of the season prevails here. The mercury has dropped to 20 above.

# Strand

Today at 11, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 Last Feature at 9:40

Norma Talmadø A Rapture of heart-break and happiness in "The Wonderful Thing"

BOBBY VERNON IN EXIT QUIETLY

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BUCK JONES "Bar Nothin"

3 Days Starting Thursday William Russell in "The Lady From Longacre" A Story Similar to "Graustark"

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A Story of Today STRAND THEATER STARTING SUNDAY

GEORGE MELFORD'S PRODUCTION THE SHEIK with AGNES AYRES and RUDOLPH VALENTINO

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TONIGHT, 10:30 SOCIAL MATINEE

Pre-Advance Showing OF WM. FOX'S WONDER PLAY "Over the Hill"

MUSIC BY Sun Augmented Orchestra Admission \$1.00 War Tax .10 Box Office Open Until 10:45

Mid-winter Fox Trot Contest at Keep's Open to all dancers beginning Tuesday Eve., Nov. 22

CASH PRIZES First \$25.00 Second 10.00 Third 5.00 Fourth, Season Pass to Keep's MASK BALL Thanksgiving evening, Thursday, November 24 \$25 Cash Prizes Novelty masks free for those not in costume.

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LAST TIMES WEDNESDAY BERT LYTELL In "Alias Ladyfingers"

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