

Association Of Nations Up to Meet

Harding's Suggestion for Continuing Conference Expected to Be Formally Considered by Delegates. Plan Not Rival to League

Washington, D. C., Nov. 29.—(By The Associated Press.)—President Harding's suggestion for a continuing conference of nations is expected by administration officials to become the subject of formal discussion before the present conference ends.

As a result of foreign comment on the president's suggestion, it was also declared by an administration spokesman that there was no intention that any "association of nations" should be formed in any way a rival of the league of nations.

Not Rival to League. The president's position was said to be that the "new association" should not have the attitude of an "undermining agency" for the league.

It was indicated in official quarters today that although the president had no intention of complicating the far eastern and armaments by bringing the subject before the conference at present, he fully expected that after the questions are out of the way there will be a serious effort for an agreement for future similar meetings.

Another meeting of the four American delegates was called by Secretary Hughes for late today, presumably for discussion of naval matters.

Meeting Postponed. Washington, Nov. 29.—(By The Associated Press.)—The meeting today of the "big five" naval experts, the first general conference of the naval men scheduled for nearly a week, was postponed until tomorrow at the request of one of the delegations.

No official statement as to the reason for the postponement or the delegation making the request was given.

There was some indication that the Japanese had sought the postponement, although this was not capable of confirmation in conference circles in general. It was known, however, in view of the statement last night by Vice Admiral Kato, chief naval expert of the Japanese group, that Japan still was hopeful of a 10-10-7 ratio would be accepted instead of the American "5-5-3" proposal.

Because of this it was regarded that the committee of experts might still face considerable discussion before a report to the conference committee itself is framed.

From the American viewpoint, both as to American experts and as to the membership of the American delegation, it was asserted that no alteration of the "5-5-3" ratio would be acceptable to the United States.

The nine powers conference on Pacific and far eastern questions today adopted resolutions providing for relinquishment of foreign extra territorial rights in China.

Italian Destroyer Goes Down in Storm

London, Nov. 29.—The Italian destroyer Centauro has gone down in the Mediterranean off the port of Adalia during a storm, according to a dispatch from Brindisi to the Daily Mail. (The Centauro is not listed in available navy registers.)

Steamer Thought Lost. Three Rivers, Quebec, Nov. 29.—Fears were expressed yesterday for the safety of the French steamship Capitaine Damiane, which left Halifax last Thursday for Mexico. Radio messages sent out from Canadian stations have not been answered.

The Capitaine Damiane is a bulk oil carrier registering 6,500 tons dead weight.

Foreign Exchange Rates Strengthened by Rumor

New York, Nov. 29.—At reports published yesterday that the reparations commission soon would call a conference of private European bankers to discuss means of stabilizing exchange, caused an instant but moderate strengthening of all leading foreign exchange rates. Local bankers were unable to confirm the report, but stated such action would not be unexpected.

Child Breaks Neck While Playing With Roller Towel

Huron, S. D., Nov. 29.—While playing with a roller towel at his home, 10 miles north of here last night, Everett Mediger, 12, twisted the towel about his neck, slipped on the bath room floor and fell, breaking his neck. He was dead when his sister, the only other person in the house at the time, reached him.

Ex-Warden of State Prison Accused of Dishonesty

Helena, Mont., Nov. 29.—Charging misappropriation of state property amounting to \$200,000 in connection with the management of the Montana state penitentiary by former Warden Frank Conley, the report of Investigator T. H. MacDonald was submitted today to the prison commission by Governor Joseph M. Dixon.

Killed in Corn Shredder

Huron, S. D., Nov. 29.—James A. Plack, living two and a half miles south of here, was killed yesterday when he fell into a corn shredder which he was operating. The body was badly mangled. Plack leaves a wife and two children.

Must Serve Term For Bond Swindle



Liberty Bond Swindler Given Prison Sentence

Ross P. Johnson Pleads Guilty To Perpetrating \$5,000 Fraud on Trust Company.

Ross P. Johnson, alias Harmon, charged with forgery in connection with the swindling of the United States Trust company of \$5,000 in liberty bonds several months ago, pleaded guilty to the charge in district court late yesterday, and was sentenced to from three to five years in the penitentiary.

Johnson was extradited from Canada by local officials. He posed as a prosperous contractor during his former visit here. He forged a check and its certification on the First National bank. He then hired Frank McCumber, an ex-service man, to be his "chief accountant in the office."

Johnson instructed McCumber to take the certified check to the United States Trust company for \$5,000 worth of liberty bonds. McCumber did so, obtained the bonds, and delivered them to Johnson, he said.

Johnson failed to meet McCumber later as he had stated he would and McCumber became suspicious and reported the matter to the police. It was then that the fraud was discovered.

Johnson at first refused to plead guilty. On the advice of his wife and the county attorney, however, he did so yesterday.

Heroism in Film Fire Costs Yale Man Life

New Haven, Conn., Nov. 29.—Two more persons, burned in the fire which destroyed the Rialto theater Sunday night, died today, making the actual death list six, the coroner having eliminated the name of Timothy Hanlon, who was a victim of heart disease. Those who died today were Everett Case and Victor Cortelle, both of this city.

The deaths last night were those of Allen Keith, a Yale sophomore, whose home was in South Port, Conn., and Miss Mabel Moran, a telephone operator of Derby, Conn.

Keith, after getting out of the theater unharmed, returned and assisted a number of women out of the place, returning again to search for others. On his last trip inside, which he prolonged in order to grupe about in the smoke, he was burned severely.

Many Yale students assisted in rescues, it developed today.

T. E. and A. H. Doherty of Spokane, Wash., are twins, and both were hurt and taken to different hospitals. George Heffelfinger, 24, of Wayzata, Minn., nephew of "Pudge" Heffelfinger, famous football player, stood inside and divided the crowd so that it used two doors. He towered over the people he was ordering to obey his commands.

Lloyd George Will Sail For U. S. About Dec. 10

London, Nov. 29.—The most likely date for the departure of Premier Lloyd George for the United States to attend the Washington conference is December 10, as well as can be seen at present, according to the London Times.

The suggestion is, it adds, that it will be possible to arrange with the Sinn Fein for a continuance of the truce over Christmas. It is stated in official quarters that whether the Irish negotiations continue or break down, the premier will take the opportunity of making a flying visit to the United States that will involve his absence for about a month.

Noted Austrian Surgeon Near Physical Collapse

New York, Nov. 29.—After operating on three patients and examining more than 40 others yesterday, Dr. Adolph Lorenz, noted Austrian surgeon, was so fatigued that he was on the point of physical collapse and was escorted to a room on one of the upper floors of the hospital for joint diseases, where he was treated by visiting physicians. They said his condition was not serious.

While Dr. Lorenz was upstairs resting, crowds of crippled boys, girls, men and women held their posts outside the hospital in the rain.

Rain Scars Women Traffic Cops in New York From Duty

New York, Nov. 29.—Hundreds of New York's 2,500 women reserve traffic cops, called for duty for the first time, took one look out into the cold, dismal rain today and decided this was no time for christening their stunning new uniforms.

Pierce Back Denies He Killed Fogg

Returned Man, However, Professes to Know Identity of Omaha Druggist's Slayer. Fears "Dope" Vengeance

Lincoln, Nov. 29.—(Special Telegram.)—Frank Pierce, alleged to have confessed to complicity in the murder of Frank Fogg, Omaha druggist, last July, arrived in Lincoln tonight from Kansas City in custody of State Sheriff Gus Hyers. Pierce, accompanied by Hyers, will go to Omaha, Thursday, where he will tell his story to the county attorney and will return to Lincoln that night with Hyers. It was only with an agreement by officers that he should be in charge of Hyers that Pierce consented to return to Nebraska without requisition.

The story given out by officers is that he feared the vengeance of a dope-smuggling ring in which he declared he was a member. There has never been any public intimation that Pierce feared the vengeance or the third degree from officers as a result of his claim that on the night of the Fogg murder he was given permission by a faller to take a stroll and while on his leave of absence gained information, which, he declares, will lead to the apprehension of the man who killed Fogg.

Denies Confessing Murder. Pierce denies reports published in certain Omaha newspapers that he confessed to committing the murder and statements made and signed by him in the hands of Hyers substantiate his declaration tonight that he never confessed to committing the murder.

"All I'll say now is that I know the guy who did it, if the officers will believe me," Pierce said.

As a result of Pierce's statements signed at Kansas City, the Omaha police are holding "Finger" Stevens, a drug addict, who, it is declared, is implicated in the confession.

Since Pierce's confession Omaha officers and deputies from the county attorney's office at Omaha have gone to Kansas City to interview him. Mrs. Frank Fogg, widow of the druggist, also has talked with Pierce at Kansas City.

Believes Pierce Knows. On Saturday Mrs. Fogg came to Lincoln and interviewed Hyers. "I don't think there is any doubt but that Pierce knows who did it," Mrs. Fogg declared.

One reason held out for the strange confession was that Pierce made it in an attempt to escape from the Missouri penitentiary at Jefferson City, believe that if he got into Nebraska again he could twist the letter of the law around, as it has been twisted in the past, got out with light sentence here.

More than a dozen burglary charges in Kansas City. But, according to Hyers, Pierce made an agreement with Missouri officers, in the event his story doesn't get results and he escapes a sentence in the Nebraska penitentiary or the electric chair, that he would be imposed as a penalty for complicity in murder, he will return to face the Missouri charges without extradition.

Names Stevens Slayer. The statement made by Pierce at Kansas City, as understood by Mrs. Fogg, was that on the night of the murder he, in company with "Finger" Stevens, went into the drug store determined to get "dope." Fogg moved his hand to get a gun and Stevens shot him twice.

"He said they got \$85," Mrs. Fogg declared here Saturday. "And that's the amount of cash that was missing after the murder and robbery."

Pierce refused to say whether his version of his story was true or not. "The county attorney will get it straight at 9 o'clock Thursday morning," he said.

American Labor Party to Be Organized in Belief

Cleveland, Nov. 29.—A movement is under way to form a labor organization in America similar to the British labor party, it was indicated yesterday, when the national executive committee of the socialist party voted to participate in a conference to be held later.

Communications sent to a number of groups by the socialist party following its last national convention have brought many responses favoring formation of a new party, it was said.

Moratorium for Germany Is Rumored in London

London, Nov. 29.—(By The Associated Press.)—Rumors of a proposed moratorium for Germany are reported by the Daily Mail, which reports that Sir John Bradbury, British delegate on the reparations commission, has drafted a memorandum on the subject for the consideration of the cabinet. The newspaper says that as a result the cabinet may urge a moratorium on Germany's debts to the allies of two or three years on condition that she cease manufacturing currency.

Former U. S. Agent Guilty Of Embezzling \$25,000

New York, Nov. 29.—Frederick I. Kelly, formerly a deputy collector of internal revenue, pleaded guilty yesterday to a charge of embezzling \$25,000 in treasury certificates received in payment of income taxes, and was sentenced by Federal Judge Augustus Hand to serve a year and a day in the Atlanta penitentiary.

Kelly was arrested several months ago while attempting to cash \$5,000 of the certificates in a broker's office.

Ulster Ultimatum Sent to Lloyd George

Belfast, Nov. 29.—(By The Associated Press.)—"By Tuesday next these negotiations will have broken down or the prime minister will send me new proposals for consideration by the cabinet," said the statement made by Sir James Craig to the Ulster question today, with regard to the Irish peace negotiations. Sir James Craig, speaking before the Parliament, said he had told Prime Minister Lloyd George that the British government's proposal to Ulster for the settlement of the Irish question were utterly impossible. He said Ulster would not enter an all-Ireland parliament under the present conditions, but was prepared to discuss other avenues for settlement.

State Attempts to Refute Evidence in Arbuckle Case

Rebuttal Evidence of Prosecution Occupies Entire Day; To Introduce Out-of-Town Witnesses Today.

San Francisco, Nov. 29.—Prosecution rebuttal evidence occupied the entire day in the trial of Roscoe C. (Fatty) Arbuckle on a manslaughter charge in connection with the death of Miss Virginia Rappe. The prosecution announced at adjournment today that it would continue this character of evidence despite its earlier announcement that it would conclude today.

Final adjournment came an hour earlier than usual because of the lack of witnesses, Milton T. U. Ren, assistant district attorney, announced that certain out-of-town witnesses would be on hand tomorrow and that the prosecution's case would be closed after they had concluded their testimony.

The prosecution's efforts to rebut the evidence offered by the defense continued throughout the day. The major portion of this rebuttal evidence was introduced to contradict evidence that Miss Rappe had suffered for several years.

Mrs. Josephine Harbeck, housekeeper for Miss Rappe, was called twice during the day. It was her third experience as a witness during the trial.

Mrs. Catherine Fox of Chicago, testified that her acquaintance with Miss Rappe extended over several years time and that Miss Rappe was always well.

An attempt was made by the prosecution to swear out a perjury warrant against Mrs. Minnie Neigand, a defense witness, who testified that she saw Miss Rappe resort to Los Angeles and tried to relieve her during a period of illness there. The warrant incident followed testimony by Mrs. Mary Paul, the hostess of the resort, that Miss Rappe had been registered or had never been registered by her at the place. The warrant was refused by the presiding judge of the supreme court and the judges of the criminal departments withheld action on it "until both sides had been heard." The district attorney temporarily abandoned the attempt to obtain the warrant.

Other witnesses testified also that they had known Miss Rappe for varying lengths of time and that her health always appeared to be good. The crowd which crushed about the court room doors yesterday to hear Arbuckle's testimony were absent today. The court room was filled throughout the day, however, and there were many in the corridors.

Vanderlip Scores Pact As an Unwise Document

New York, Nov. 29.—Frank A. Vanderlip, New York banker, who has just completed a tour of Europe, declared in an address before the Economic club last night that the treaty of Versailles was "the most unwise document ever struck off from the mind of man."

Before the world could be restored to normal conditions, he said, the treaty would have to be rewritten and the map of Europe redrawn. The speaker asserted that Germany would not be able to meet her indemnity payments and that when she failed to meet them anything might happen "from a revolution in Germany to the break down of civilization in western Europe."

As a remedy other than the redrawing of the treaty and the redrawing of the map of Europe he suggested a federalized Europe, "something like a United States of Europe."

Optimist Will Win, Ford Official Tells Ad-Sellers

S. A. S. Stellwagen, manager of the Ford automobile plant here, declared to the Advertising-Selling league at the Fontenelle hotel Monday night that the business optimist is the man who can smile when things are not as bright as usual and that such a man is bound to win in the end.

J. Lord of the telephone company publicity department told how the new automatic telephone will work. Phillip Gordon demonstrated the Chickering electric piano.

Northern Pacific Promotes Manager to Vice President

St. Paul, Nov. 29.—J. M. Rapelge, general manager, has been appointed vice president in charge of operation and maintenance of the Northern Pacific railway, effective Thursday, it was announced yesterday. He will succeed W. T. Tyler, resigned.

Aged Jurist Dies

New Orleans, Nov. 29.—Judge A. H. Wilson, 64, who has presided over the juvenile court here since its organization, died yesterday after a week's illness.

War—"Gentlemen, You May Call Off Your Soldiers and Sailors, But Spare Me My Poison Gas Makers"



Two Liquor Law Violators Given Heavy Penalties

Man on Whose Farm Still Was Found Fined \$700 and Car Confiscated—Liquor Seller Jailed.

Attaches and prisoners in federal court cased yesterday when Judge J. W. Woodrough awarded unusually heavy penalties to two liquor violators.

John Booth and Walter Haidley were arrested in an automobile at Schuyler, Neb., Monday by Federal Agent Tom Carroll.

In the car was four gallons of liquor, Carroll reported, and at the Booth farm a still and 250 gallons of mash were found.

Judge Woodrough fined Booth \$500 for possession of the still, \$100 for possession of the liquor, and \$100 for transporting the liquor, and then ordered his car sold at auction.

Haidley was fined \$100 for transporting liquor and sentenced to three months in the county jail for selling liquor.

Federal Agent Carroll has been active this week, his reports to his chief, U. S. Rohrer, show. Art Necker and James McCartney of Kearney were arrested in a car with 24 quarts, Pete Gilmore of Glen, Neb., was arrested when Carroll uncovered two stills, 300 gallons of mash and 15 gallons of liquor. Henry Kerrier of Curtis was arrested for alleged peddling of 12 pints from a stand at a county fair.

Caught With Liquor. Charles Hutchinson, 1935 O street, Lincoln, was nabbed as he stepped from a train in Lincoln, accused of having started with liquor in his automobile from Valparaiso, being besieged by bad roads and heavy weather, abandoning the car after riding most of the liquor in a haycock, and boarding a train with three bottles in his pockets.

He had the three bottles when he was nabbed, according to Carroll. Then Emery Coyle was arrested at Culbertson for having a still, mash and liquor.

The rest of these cases probably will be tried in Lincoln, Rohrer said.

Chicago Company Bids In Omaha School Notes

Par value, accrued interest and \$6,800 will be paid for \$1,000,000 notes issued by the Board of Education to pay running expenses of the schools until taxes are collected next July and August. The board at a special meeting Monday night accepted this offer by the Continental Trust and Savings company of Chicago.

Fifty-One Engaged in Glass Industry Held by Grand Jury

New York, Nov. 29.—The federal grand jury yesterday returned an indictment charging 51 individuals and 53 corporations in the window glass industry with violation of the Sherman anti-trust law. J. M. Noonan, president of the National Glass Workers' union, was indicted on similar charges.

Packers Cut Wages.

Austin, Minn., Nov. 29.—The George A. Hormel Packing company today announced a wage cut affecting about 750 of the more than 1,000 employees of its plant here. The amount of the reduction is not stated.

Seven Men Killed As Building Falls

Over 20 Others Injured When Partially Constructed Roof Of Theater Collapses.

New York, Nov. 29.—Collapse today of the steel-girded roof and a brick wall of a theater under construction in Brooklyn killed at least seven workmen and injured more than a score. Firemen and police working among the ruins tonight may find more bodies, according to one owner.

Inside the building when the crash came were between fifty and sixty workmen. Working on scaffolding swung from the roof girders and braced against the side walls, they had no chance to escape, eye witnesses said.

The owners said that the building was being constructed by them through sub-contractors. They, as well as the six sub-contractors, were summoned before District Attorney Lewis for questioning. The owners declared the work had frequently been approved by inspectors.

Search of the ruins was possible only by gradual removal of the tons of twisted steel and terra cotta finishing. Gradually seven bodies were brought out, many crushed between recognition.

The north wall of the building crashed down over a one story building where two men and a woman were eating. All were injured and had to be extricated.

The building, which was to have had a seating capacity of 1,800, was designed to cost \$750,000, one of the owners said.

Woman's Arrest Reveals Plot To Beat Auto Insurance Firms

New York, Nov. 29.—Alleged nationwide activities of an organization to defraud insurance companies, particularly those writing automobile risks, is behind the arrest Saturday at Philadelphia of Miss Hazel Whitaker, according to officials of the automobile underwriters detective bureau.

The case was put into the hands of the federal Department of Justice, officials said today, because of its scope. It has been under investigation for more than one year. Previous arrests were made in Los Angeles, Washington and Baltimore.

Indiana Farm Boy Wins Junior Corn Sweepstakes

Chicago, Nov. 29.—Frank Lux, 15, Shelbyville, Ind., won the sweepstakes in the junior corn contest tonight at the International Grain and Hay show. The judges declared his 10 ear samples the best ever exhibited here.

District winners in the junior corn contest for which a special premium list was offered by the Chicago Board of Trade, in addition to the \$10,000 in prizes, included George Hofman, jr., Wilf, Colo.

\$9,105,000 Advanced Last Week by War Finance Board

Washington, Nov. 29.—Advances totaling \$9,105,000 were made by the War Finance corporation the past week, according to a summary issued today.

Fire Destroys Hospital.

Cornish, Miss., Nov. 29.—The McCreary hospital here was destroyed by fire today which originated in the basement and spread so rapidly several of the patients had to be lifted through windows and down fire ladders. All were rescued.

Bullis Facing 25-Year Term In Penitentiary

Man Found Guilty of Receiving Stolen Property Convicted Also Under Habitual Criminal Act.

It required little more than an hour for the jury in Judge George W. Cullison's division of the district court at Council Bluffs to reach the conclusion that William Bullis was guilty of receiving and concealing stolen property on the Lena Schneider bandit farm as charged in the grand jury indictment.

The verdict carries the maximum penalty of five years in prison but answering affirmatively three interrogatories submitted by the court upon the demand of the state, Bullis was also declared to be an habitual criminal, which calls for imprisonment not less than 25 years, and there is some reason for believing that the man's fate may fall within the provisions made by the Iowa legislature last winter when it amended section 9044 by inserting the words, "not more than 40 years."

It is the opinion of County Attorney Swanson, however, that section 5991-A will govern, which fixes the punishment at 25 years. Rules of the parole board, it is understood, do not make habitual criminal eligible for parole appeals until the lapse of 15 years.

Affirmative answers to the three interrogatories that convicted Bullis of being an habitual criminal were: "Was he convicted at Tekamah, Neb., on May 14, 1904 of burglary and sentenced to seven years?" "Was he convicted at Vermillion, S. D., April 7, 1910, and sentenced to four years?"

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J. J. Hess, counsel for Bullis, immediately gave notice that he would ask for a new trial and Judge Cullison gave him until December 5 to present his motion.

Dec. 4 to 10 Is Proclaimed American Education Week

Washington, Nov. 29.—President Harding issued a proclamation today setting apart the week of December 4 to 10 as American education week during which citizens of the United States are urged to assist general efforts to reduce illiteracy and give thought to remedying defects in the nation's education system.

The Weather

Forecast. Nebraska—Generally fair Wednesday and Thursday; moderate temperature. Iowa—Generally fair Wednesday and Thursday; warmer Wednesday in east portion.

Hourly Temperatures.

Table with 2 columns: Time and Temperature. Rows for 5 a.m., 8 a.m., 11 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m., 11 p.m.

Highest Tuesday.

Table with 2 columns: Location and Temperature. Locations include Cheyenne, Davenport, Des Moines, etc.

Protect shipments during the next 24 to 26 hours from temperatures following: North and west, 28 degrees. Shipments east and south can be made safely.

China Wins Victory on "10 Points"

Steps Taken By Committee on Far East, Looking to Abandonment of Foreign Courts. Press Other Demands

Washington, Nov. 29.—China won further concessions today in the conference of the nine powers on questions affecting the Pacific and the far east. The resolutions granted by the sub-committee, headed by Senator Lodge, provide for an international commission of jurists, which is to report within a year whether the Chinese laws and court practices warrant abandonment of the foreign courts created under treaties granting extra territorial rights to China.

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The Chinese delegates then presented another of their "10 points"—that declaring withdrawal of all foreign troops from Chinese soil, and also for abandonment of foreign telegraph, radio and police wire systems. Dr. Sze presented information regarding the number of troops and extent of foreign wire systems, in which the Japanese predominate.

To Continue Discussions. General adherence, it was said, was given to the principle of retirement of foreign troops and wire systems from China in conformity with the principles of the Root resolutions. Qualifications were presented, however, by Japanese spokesmen who dealt with the necessity of policing railroads and telephone lines. Discussion of the troop and wire questions are to continue tomorrow, with prospects that a solution will be worked out by the delegates.

Another Chinese question, that of tariff and other revenue, was taken up later by a subcommittee headed by Senator Underwood. After discussion the subcommittee adjourned until tomorrow.

In the discussion it was said, China's needs for increase revenue were recognized generally, but whether an increase in the 5 per cent tariff was necessary was said to be a question requiring considerable study. Administration of the customs laws by Chinese officials also was reported to have been debated.

Want Troops Withdrawn. It will be several days, it was said, before any report can be submitted. Press wires laid by the Chinese delegates before the far eastern committee today on foreign troops in China. Their presence, Dr. Sze declared, palpably was a violation of Chinese integrity, inasmuch as the troops were sent without China's consent and over its protests. He asked that the conference "specifically" discontinue the alleged violations.

Prince Tokugawa of Japan told newspapermen later that Japan "intends to abolish" the system under which Japanese troops are in China "as soon as possible."

al of the troops would begin the satisfactory formula toward the problem of China was worked out here.

Heavy Damage Done by Pennsylvania Floods

Pittsburgh, Nov. 29.—The first November flood in more than 20 years was today sweeping down the Ohio river from the upper reaches of the Monongahela and Allegheny, the result of an almost continuous rainfall for several days. The flood stage, 22 feet at the Point bridge, was reached before the far eastern committee today on foreign troops in China. Their presence, Dr. Sze declared, palpably was a violation of Chinese integrity, inasmuch as the troops were sent without China's consent and over its protests. He asked that the conference "specifically" discontinue the alleged violations.

Reports from points along the Monongahela river said the damage would be heavy, but no estimate could be made until the flood had receded.

Custer County Red Cross Chapter Elects Officers

Broken Bow, Neb., Nov. 29.—(Special.)—At the annual meeting of the Custer county Red Cross Chapter the following officers were elected: W. A. Baldwin, county chairman; Alpha Morgan, vice chairman; Dillard Lesley, secretary; E. S. Hol