

Helen Keller in Omaha; Says She Can Feel Music

Noted Blind Girl, Stricken in Infancy, Shows How She Overcame Her Great Handicaps.

Helen Keller, one of the world's most notable examples of the mastery of the mind over physical disabilities, brings a message of happiness and optimism to Omaha...

Stricken at 19 Months. The wonder of it all is unfolded when the visitor realizes that Miss Keller was stricken blind and deaf when she was 19 months old...

"I am glad to stand here and tell you that though blind and deaf I find joy and beauty in life. Devotion of others has made this possible for me," said Miss Keller to an Orpheum audience yesterday.

Has Humor Sense. Miss Keller is tall and has good looks. She radiates a sweetness of character that is almost ineffable.

"How is it possible for you, to enjoy nature?" someone in the audience asked Miss Keller yesterday afternoon, the words being imparted by Mrs. Macy.

"I smell the fragrance and feel the shapes," was the ready response. "I cannot see the stars which you see, but there are bright stars always shining in my soul."

"Can you feel music?" Miss Keller has acquired the faculty of lip reading, by placing an index finger on the lips, another finger touching the nose and her thumb on the larynx of the speaker.

"Tastes Are Feminine. Miss Keller is feminine in her likes and dislikes. She is fond of ice cream and candy, but these delicacies must be of the purest quality to pass the censorship of her keen sense of taste.

Does she like vaudeville? She says it is interesting and that it is one adventure after another. Her capacity for knowledge seems to have no limit. She is learning much about Omaha through Mrs. Macy, who is visualizing through the mind's eye a picture of this city.

And Helen Keller asks, "How can anyone who has eyes to see and ears to hear and leisure time in which to read and study, remain uneducated?"

Chicagoans Shiver In First Real Blast Of "Old Man Winter"

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Chicago, Dec. 18.—Old Man Winter, who has apparently been asleep, today descended on Chicago in a whirl of snow and wind.

With heads bowed to the 30 mile an hour gale, overcoats white washed by the clinging snow, umbrellas clutched close to the top, feet slipping on ice, and automobiles skidding through the storm, hats rolling down the streets in the wind, Christmas shoppers colliding and sliding through the loop, Chicago emerged from a drizzling rain of 24 hours duration into a blinding blizzard.

Body of Treasury Clerk Found in St. Louis Lagoon

St. Louis, Dec. 18.—The body of B. F. Bingham, for nearly 50 years distributing clerk in the United States treasury, was found today taken from a park lagoon here today.

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Princess Mary's Future Father and Mother-in-Law



The earl and countess of Harwood, father and mother of Viscount Lascelles, Princess Mary's fiancé.

K. K. K. Threatens Delay of Dail on To Take Five Men From County Jail

Ardmore, Okl., Dec. 18.—With seven men in jail, five charged with the murder of Joseph Carroll and John Smith at Wilson, and the finding of the body of C. G. Sims, Ardmore policeman, Sheriff Buck Carter is keeping a close guard at the jail.

Close Guard Placed Around Ardmore Prison Following Receipt of Warning By Sheriff.

The sheriff received a letter signed "Clan No. 7, Ardmore, Okl.," saying that an attempt would be made to take "the Smith boys" from the jail.

The five men charged with the shooting are Rev. Leon Julius, Baptist minister of Healdton; John Smith, butcher Healdton; J. A. Gilliam, stock raiser of Ardmore; left Smith and Curley Smith, both of Wilson.

Walter Carroll, relative of Joseph Carroll, and H. A. Hensley, both of Wilson, said to have been in the Carroll home at the time of the shooting, are being held for investigation.

A preliminary hearing will be held early next week, it was said. Authorities say they are of the opinion that the slayings were the outcome of a visit by masked men to the Carroll home. Warnings had been given Carroll, who was said to have been a bootlegger, that he must stop "or leave the country."

The authorities say they believe that men went to give Carroll a flogging and that Carroll had been informed and went to the door with a gun in his hand. Seeing the masked men, he attempted to shoot, but was shot in the face. In the fight that followed John Smith was mortally wounded and Jeff Smith was shot in the leg.

The finding of Sims' body cannot be explained, according to police. When found at what is said by police to be a gathering place of the Ku Klux Klan several masks were on the ground near his body.

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After questioning Mrs. Zimmerman at the Oconomowoc jail, county authorities stated she told several conflicting stories, but in the main her version was that she and the children were driving ducks when one of the ducks fell into the cistern. The children, she said, attempted to rescue the duck and fell in.

Coroner F. L. Lee charged that Mrs. Zimmerman admitted she took no steps to help the children and that she told no one of the tragedy until her husband came home.

Loot Valued at \$40,000 Recovered in New York

New York, Dec. 18.—Stolen property valued by the police at \$40,000 was taken from a locked hall bedroom in the apartment of William Metasky of Brooklyn, alleged professional burglar, who was shot and seriously wounded by detectives.

Be Want Ads Produce Results

Wedding Bells For Princess Mary To Cost \$150,000

Marriage to Viscount Lascelles To Be Costliest Function of Kind Since Ceremony Of King George.

By FORBES W. FAIRBAIRN. Universal Service Staff Correspondent. London, Dec. 18.—In spite of the comparative poverty of the British royal family, due to the excessive increase in the cost of living, it was learned that the wedding of Princess Mary to Viscount Lascelles is to cost nearly \$150,000.

The largest single item of expense will be the floral decorations in St. James' chapel. They will cost \$10,000, which is exactly double the figure paid at the wedding of King George and Queen Mary.

Next comes the fee payable to the archbishop of Canterbury, who will read the greater part of the wedding service. Five thousand dollars will be his share of the royal bounty, with three additional clergymen getting \$1,000 each. The service will also be fully choral and each chorister will be paid \$250.

The organist gets \$1,000 for playing the wedding march with an additional \$2,500 distributed among sextons, vergers and bell ringers. The fixing of these fees has been entirely in the hands of King George. He has ordered a 50 per cent increase over the amounts paid at his own wedding.

These items form but a portion of the expense. Another example is the decree giving the coachman who drives the royal bride to the church, \$1,000 for his services. The footmen get \$500 and servants will get from \$50 to \$100.

One of the interesting items is the chief pastry cook at Buckingham palace. He has already submitted two estimates to the king, the lowest being \$1,200.

It is understood that Lascelles, being a Catholic, will pay only half of the cost of the wedding. One of his gifts to his bride will be \$25,000, the cost of her trousseau, and he already has settled \$250,000 upon her.

The wedding gown is being woven at the ancient Handweaver works in Braine, the train will be spun by the chief handweaver and put with real silver. The process of spinning is so slow that only three inches are spun a day.

Plan to Irrigate American Desert

Application for 180,000 Acre Feet of Water is Filed With State Department.

Ogallala, Neb., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—The Keith County Commercial club of Ogallala has been working for several months on an irrigation project to irrigate the level table land laying a few miles south of Ogallala in Keith and Perkins counties.

The project will irrigate approximately 75,000 acres or 100 sections. In 1894 the citizens of Perkins county voted \$90,000 in county irrigation bonds to build what was to be known as the Perkins county canal. Work was started on this canal and \$28,000 was spent constructing 16 miles of the canal. A few years later hard times came to the country and the irrigation bonds were not sold.

Civil and irrigation engineers have gone over this old project and proposed it one of the most feasible and least expensive irrigation projects, considering the number of acres to be irrigated, that was ever contemplated. The plan comprises the construction of a canal 64 miles long to carry 500 cubic feet of water per second. This canal will fill 12 large natural basins, each of about 3,000 acres each. Construction of dams will be eliminated, greatly reducing the cost.

Three weeks ago an irrigation meeting was held at Ogallala attended by citizens of Keith, Deuel and Perkins counties, at which time a temporary organization was formed. A. L. Searle was elected president and R. A. Goddard, secretary and treasurer. Before the meeting the party, composed of 40 men, journeyed over the proposed project. Robert H. Willis, chief of the Nebraska irrigation of the state of Nebraska, and Civil Engineer Mark Markle were with the party and expressed themselves as believing the project very feasible. The association then voted to file upon 180,000 acre feet of water and this application was filed with the department of public works at Lincoln. This 180,000 acre feet comprises all of the normal winter flow of the South Platte river during the six months from October to April.

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Indian Guide Named in Stillman Divorce Case Goes Into Movies

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. New York, Dec. 18.—Fred Beauvais, the Canadian-Indian guide of Stillman case fame, has gone into the movies. His own production, "A Lonely Trail," is going to get a Broadway introduction to the fans shortly, it is planned, and the state board of censorship has just viewed and approved the film.

Contrary to expectations, "A Lonely Trail" is not based on his being the correspondent named by James A. Stillman, in the divorce suit against Mrs. "Fit" Stillman, which alleges that Beauvais is the father of Guy Stillman.

The notoriety Beauvais has gained as a guide in Canadian forests, however, is capitalized for the film. Beauvais is said to have financed the entire production and the arrangement for distribution of the picture. The film will be through a New York film exchange.

The story of "The Lonely Trail" is in the Canadian forests; duplicated, it is said, many of the scenes in and around the Stillman summer camp at Three Rivers and Grand Assise.

It is recalled that Beauvais is the first of the principals in the Stillman case to capitalize the notoriety. Mrs. Stillman is reported to have had a number of offers to go on the screen, but so far has rejected them.

Homeless Waif Reveals Pathetic Story of Travels

Youth, Penniless, Seeking Father Learns of His Suicide—Red Cross Cares for Boy While Relatives Are Sought—Mother's Ring Left by Parent Is Given Heir After Long Search.

Grand Island, Neb., Dec. 17.—A pathetic story of a little waif was unfolded in police court here. Benny Fischer, giving his age as 18, but who, according to court records, is nearer 13, walked into the station and asked if he could have a place to sleep. He said that he had made his way on bumpers from Kansas City to Grand Island to find his father.

Daniel Webster Fischer. His aunt in Kansas City, a widow washerwoman, had given him money with which to make his way to this city. He went to the railroad shops, where his father was formerly employed, but was informed that the father had left the city long ago. He was told, at the time, that the father had committed suicide three or four years ago at Brady Island.

The lad was confused as to his own age and other important facts, but some events which he recalled left no doubt as to his identity. His father lived here up to 1916.

In 1913 the boy was summoned into a court here as a witness in a case of his mother against his father for beating her. A former deputy sheriff recalled that he had taken the boy from the county jail to his own home and later to the state's orphan detention institution at Lincoln. The evidence at the time disclosed that

the boy had been brutally beaten by the father. The lad had, at this time, a stepmother. According to the boy's statement, he was in Lincoln institution about three months when a home was found for him with Charles Green of Shubert. After about three months he made his home with another farmer in that vicinity. From there he later on worked for another farmer, working on farms, and was told that places where he was employed, finally landing at the home of the washerwoman aunt.

The father had in his possession a ring from the boy's real mother and one day, in a penitentium mood, sought Deputy Sheriff Corby with the hope of having the ring returned to the father given to him, as the mother had wished. But the officer at that time was unable to get any trace of the orphan. The former deputy sheriff after identifying the boy at the police station gave him the ring.

The boy had in his charge of Chairman Mrs. Carson and Secretary Clancy of the Red Cross, while they are getting into communication with the boy's real uncle near Verdun. He claims that he was generally paid 50 cents a day and his keep, while working on farms, and was told that he had a little over \$200 saved up in some bank at Kansas City, but does not know which bank.

policy was directed essentially toward the maintenance of peace. Its sole and only endeavor was to protect the sacred soil of the fatherland.

War Made Necessary. Threatened from the east and west, as well, it was necessary to safeguard our peaceful development.

Archives Opened. A genuine clearing of this 'guilt' question, in which Germany assuredly would have no less interest than her enemies, could only be conducted in such a way that not the individual persons would be convicted, but that all the events that led up to the world war, as well as all other violations of international law, would also be established.

Moreover, Germany opened her archives unreservedly immediately after the close of the war, whereas the enemy league has taken good heed not to follow this example. The first beginning in this direction is the publication of secret documents from the Russian state archives, now being published in America.

This attitude on the part of the enemy league, in addition to the overwhelming preliminary evidence constantly appearing, gives an indication where the 'guilt for war' is really to be looked for.

It is all the more Germany's duty to use all the resources at her command to collect, sift and publish all material concerning this 'guilt' and thereby unmask the real instigators.

A change for the worse has unfortunately taken place in her majesty's condition. My heart is breaking with the most painful anxiety. God be with us.

Homer Woman Given Vail Hero Medal

(Continued From Page One.) when Mr. Belt, representing H. B. Thayer, president of the American Telephone and Telegraph company of New York, presented Mrs. Lathrop with the gold medal and \$1,000 reward. "America," sung by the entire audience, led by the Homer male quartet, closed the affair. This quartet was composed of Frank M. Church, Fred Brasfield, Dr. J. Daily and Judge S. W. McKinley.

Heroine in Tears. "It has all been wonderful," exclaimed Mrs. Lathrop. Her eyes were moist as she spoke. "I appreciate everything that has been done, and most of all I appreciate the friendship of my neighbors."

Two of Mrs. Lathrop's stalwart sons, Melford and Harold, marched with the Homer American Legion, who escorted visitors from the station to the hall.

"It's a great day, but mother deserved it," was the comment of Melford, Mrs. Lathrop's 20-year-old son. "Mother has cared for us just as we were kids. She can cook just as good as she can operate a switchboard, too," he asserted proudly.

Albion High School Girls Plan Gifts for War Victims

Albion, Neb., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Under the direction of the Red Cross of Albion, Miss Williamson, dean of women in the high school, has organized the girls into 14 groups. Each group will prepare a box for the ex-service men and children in the Kearney hospital for tuberculosis. These boxes are to be sent only to people who would not otherwise receive a Christmas gift.

Son of Pioneer Mysteriously Shot by Negro

"Black Sheep" of Charles E. Starr Family Wounded in Street Brawl—Sister Goes to Bedside.

Vincent (Vim) Starr, outcast and "black sheep" of one of Omaha's pioneer and once well-to-do families, is dying at St. Joseph hospital as a result of a mysterious shooting at Thirteenth and Pacific streets Saturday night.

According to John Scott, negro, Starr was shot by another negro. Starr was one of two sons of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Starr, who occupied a large house on a five-acre tract on Fifty-second street and Military avenue. The elder Starr, a government official in the commissary department, died 17 years ago. The mother died three years ago. Friends said her death was caused by the worries brought about by the escapades of "Vincent or "Vim" as he was known among his playmates.

Tries to Hide Identity. But even though the "black sheep" Starr was reticent in revealing his identity to police, who took him to the hospital.

Police Officers Sherwood and Brigham, thinking he might die on the operating table, quizzed him. He looked toward the ceiling and refused to answer. The only thing found in his clothes was a quarter. There was not one mark of identification.

But when told he might die, he revealed his identity and mentioned his sister, Miss Nena Starr, who lives at the old Starr homestead. Miss Starr is a stenographer for City Corporation Counsel Lambert and is very talented in music.

Family Tried to Forget. She showed no interest when asked if she had a brother named Vincent. "I have no brother of that name," she said. The family, long ago, had decided to forget him. His escapades had brought nothing but sorrow, nothing but shame.

But when told that a man named Vincent Starr was dying at St. Joseph hospital, she broke down and cried. "He is my brother. Tell me where he is. Is he dying? I want to go to him. Tell me where he is."

According to friends, Vincent visited the old homestead for one day last year to attend the funeral of a sister. That was the only time he was home in six years.

Brothers Leave Home. "The family was a wonderful one," said Fred Bailey of Benson, friend of the family. "But Vincent and his brother became tramps. The brother in Honolulu settled down and Vincent became an accountant."

Vincent was arrested here more than once. He was arrested the last time in connection with the murder of Frank Fogg, veteran druggist, police say. Several years ago Vincent was arrested in connection with the possession of worthless checks, but he was discharged. Police said the case was settled out of court.

Saloon Is Blamed. "Vincent was known among his playmates as 'Vim,'" said a friend of the family. "He was a good-looking lad. His hair was red and his face was freckled. But as he grew older, he began to hang around the saloon in the vicinity of his home. His father and the neighbors made a strong fight before the city council to get the license of the saloon canceled. Then he became a floater."

Detectives accompanied by Scott, searched the city last night for the alleged negro assailant of Starr. The motive for the shooting could not be ascertained.

Yank Slays Elusive Canadian Timber Wolf

Oregon, Ill., Dec. 18.—Samuel McGee of Pine Rock township boasts of having killed a Canadian timber wolf that has deluded hunters and farmers in this section of the state for many years. McGee proudly displays the hide of the wolf, which bears a score of marks from traps and bullets.

When raw cold winds blow DRINK Baker's Cocoa

Advertisement for Baker's Cocoa, featuring an image of a woman in a long dress and a small dog, with text describing the product's benefits and manufacturer information.

New York Warned Of New Bomb-Plot; Police on Guard

Special Precautions to Be Taken on Monday, Date Set For Explosion.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. New York, Dec. 18.—Wall street will be under extra police guard Monday and special watchfulness is being exercised there as the result of warnings that there is a bomb plot which was to be carried out December 19.

Warnings of the plot came to brokers last week and the police have been secretly working on it ever since.

Any doubt that the "tip" was serious, brokers and police believe, has been dispelled by the statements of William J. Burns, chief of the United States bureau of investigation, concerning the arrest of Wolte Lindenfeld in Warsaw.

Explosion Planned by Reds. Mr. Burns, who arrived here from Washington tonight, declared that Lindenfeld had been one of his agents and had warned him that the Reds, backed by the international at Moscow, planned the previous explosion. He said that Lindenfeld could not find out where and when the explosion was to occur, but there was no doubt that Lindenfeld had learned since who was implicated and that the third internationale had paid \$30,000 to those who had caused the Wall street explosion.

So far no arrests have been made in connection with the threats of an explosion on Monday, and Burns has taken personal charge of the situation.

Makes Further Statements. Warsaw, Dec. 18.—(By A. P.)—Further statements regarding the Wall street bomb explosion have been made by Wolte Lindenfeld, arrested by Polish police on suspicion of having been implicated in the explosion and who made a full confession, giving the names of the ring leaders and other information. These statements are being translated into English.

According to Silvester Cosgrove of the American Department of Justice, at whose request the arrest was made, Lindenfeld has avoided questions concerning his whereabouts on the day of the explosion.

He admits, however, he is in Manhattan and to the direct question, "where were you at the time of the explosion?" he made the reply: "Uptown."

The suspect, the American agent asserts, has told all regarding his New York connections. His movements since he left New York have been fully traced, except for one month on which he is silent.

President to Hang Up Stocking "At Home"

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, Dec. 18.—A quiet Christmas in the White House will be observed by the President and Mrs. Harding unless present plans are changed by unexpected developments.

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Albion High School Will Stage Musical Contest

Albion, Neb., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—A musical contest will be given at the Albion High school Monday. A list of 100 songs and instrumental pieces was given to each pupil about two weeks ago. During the intervening time the students were to familiarize themselves with the selections. A part of each selection will be played and the students will write the title. The purpose of the contest is to broaden the musical knowledge of the pupils and bring them to a better appreciation of music.

The contest is under the direction of Mrs. Emily Sitzer, music supervisor.

A subscription to The Bee would make an ideal gift.