

Probe of Hangings Postponed Until After Holidays

Absence of Witnesses Forces Senate Committee to Delay Investigations of Executions in A. E. F.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Because of the absence of half a dozen witnesses summoned to appear today, the senate committee investigating charges by Senator Watson, democrat, Georgia, that American soldiers had been hanged in France without trial was forced over until after the Christmas holidays.

Nine new witnesses were ordered to appear January 4 for examination, in view of their statements made in letters to Senator Watson and others that they had first-hand knowledge of illegal executions.

Except in one instance there was no explanation as to why today's witnesses failed to appear. One was ready to start, but there was some delay in delivery of his railroad ticket and he will come later.

Chairman Brandegee announced that to make the investigation as sweeping as possible, War department officials would be called to check up each alleged case of brutality or murder. It was again made clear that some of the hangings witnessed by former service men included the execution of 11 soldiers put to death after trial by court-martial.

The only former soldier appearing today—Marion J. Wallis of Athens, Ga., did not serve overseas, his testimony relating to the alleged killing of a private by a corporal at Camp Wheeler, Ga., in 1918. War department records to determine whether the corporal, designated by Wallis only as a "Corporal Crawford," had been tried, were demanded.

There was an intimation that the committee would proceed to compel the attendance of George P. Hubbard, who recently declared in a statement that he saw the bodies of three soldiers which had been disinterred, and that there was a rope around the neck of each, "showing the men had been hanged." Notified that he was wanted as a witness and asked to come at once, Hubbard sent a telegram from New York saying: "Will not accept."

Sturgess Nominated for North Platte Postmaster
Washington, Dec. 21.—Nominations of postmasters sent to the senate today included Lorenz Sturgess, North Platte, Neb.

Newsboys Devour 52 Turkeys

Rotary Club Entertains Street Merchants at Holiday "Feed"—Boys Furnish Music and Song for Meeting.

Exterior! Fifty-two 12-pound turkeys assassinated!

These turkeys came to a premature end yesterday at the Hotel Rome. They were devoured by 350 Omaha newsboys, guests of the Rotary club.

There was nothing left but the bones when the youthful street merchants finished. Many pecks of sweet potatoes, gallons of cranberry sauce, and at least a gross of mince pies disappeared as if by magic before the onslaught of the newsies.

Money Not Only Thing. And say, maybe you think there wasn't something doing after the eating was ended, Al C. Scott started things. He told the newsies, "Money isn't the only thing in life," and advised them to stay in school as long as possible.

"Be on the square," advised Mr. Scott. "You little merchants of today will be the big merchants of tomorrow."

"I want you to remember this dinner—you may never get another one like it," said Tony Perry, Bee hustler at Twenty-fourth and Cuming streets. "If you ever do get another feed like this, well, it'll be your good luck," concluded Tony.

Stands on Table. Angelo Rozzatto, 13, the smallest newsie at the "feed," stood on a table so everyone could see him present a bouquet to a member of the Rotary club. Angelo sells papers at Twenty-fourth and Farnam streets.

Al Fisher, newsboy, was chairman of the meeting. Frank Martin and Eddie Spurley sang a duet; Morris Siegel, newsie at the Burlington station, sang a solo, and Sam Angalone, who sells at Fifteenth and Farnam streets, played a violin solo.

"Have a heart for these boys," urged Gus Miller, who has charge of the state reformatory at Lincoln. "Don't tell 'em you'll pay them for a paper tomorrow. You may never see them again, and perhaps you're taking away a large part of their profits."

Not All "Kids." There were one or two gray-haired newsies at the dinner and one newswoman, Mrs. Tennis Peterson, who sells papers at Sixteenth and Douglas streets. Despite the advanced age of these paper merchants, they, too, seemed to get into the spirit of the affair. More than 200 Rotarians took dinner with the newsies. Dave Beber, newsie at Fourteenth and Farnam streets, thanked the Rotarians for the "feed," in behalf of the newsboys. "America," sung by everybody, ended the affair.

Harry Snethen, sentenced from Cass county for bigamy, was paroled. Since he has been in the penitentiary wife No. 1 has obtained a divorce. Wife No. 2, who is Esther Nord, a clerk in an Omaha department store, has been very active in working for his release. They are to be remarried.

Paroles granted to men outside of Omaha are: Edward Peck, Dixon; Glen Criss, Pierce; Leonard Motley, Daves; Ernest Eyster, Buffalo; Robert Kelly, Lancaster; Oscar Smith, Gage; George D. Jones, Daves; Harry Scott, Dodge; R. W. Jacobson, Lincoln; Frank Gray, Sheridan; Peter Adams, Saunders; George H. Cratty, Lincoln; Mote C. Bradford, Nance; Floyd Holliday, Hall; Clyde Sheets, Lincoln; Earl Kiser, Hamilton; Fred Fitzgerald, Sheridan; Oscar McIntosh, Sioux; Warren Ewell, Buffalo; William Fitzgerald, Knox; Otto Birdhead, Knox; William J. Bush, Boyd; George Douglas, Dodge; Albert Edwards, Phelps.

London women are now shopping by airplane.

Railroads Seek Rate Reduction On Day's Notice

General Freight Agent of Burlington Wants Interstate And Intrastate Change at Same Time.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 21.—Application for authority to put into effect upon one day's notice the 17 1/2 per cent reduction in freight rates on wheat and hay and a voluntary reduction of ten per cent on other farm garden and orchard products will be filed with the state railway commission, according to F. Montmorcency of Omaha, general freight agent of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad on behalf of all Nebraska carriers, he stated in a telephone communication with the railway commission today.

Mr. Montmorcency declared that the voluntary reduction of 10 per cent on other farm products proposed by the carriers would be both interstate and intrastate, and that permission for making such a reduction would be asked of the interstate commerce commission at once. The railway commission pointed out that the added 10 per cent reduction embracing these products was voluntary on the part of the railroads and had not been ordered by the commission.

2 Above Zero at Des Moines. Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 21.—After a steady drop of nearly 30 degrees yesterday the mercury registered 2 degrees above zero today, the lowest temperature of the season.

Chauffeur Gives View Of Paroling Convicts At State Penitentiary

Lincoln, Dec. 21.—(Special).—A visitor at the state penitentiary today begged a ride into Lincoln with two gray-haired women in a limousine driven by a youth of probably 23. The women began discussing the application of a convict for parole.

"Everybody seems against him," one woman said. The youth turned in his seat and said: "They were all against Christ, too."

"Good Lord," muttered the self-invited guest, "that is a strange remark from a young man in this day and age. Wonder if the asylum opened its doors today?"

"You know," volunteered the driver, "I was one of the worst gunmen in the west until my conversion."

"Yes, Dewey was a bad boy until he met God and we got him paroled to us," said one of the women. "God," continued the driver, "was my salvation from that penitentiary back there."

"Yes, he's the one you must thank," said the woman. The stranger had reached O street then and got out.

church at Marion, this county, gave that town the first church building, although it has been on the map for 15 years. Dr. Carns of Omaha and Dr. Steen of Hastings were the dedicating ministers. The church is of stucco construction and one of the most handsome offices in the Beaver valley.

Summerfield (Kan.) Paper Purchased by Nebraskan. Pawnee City, Neb., Dec. 21.—(Special).—The Summerfield Sun, newspaper at Summerfield, Kan., 20 miles south of here, has been sold. The new owner and editor is William Kellar, formerly of Dubois, Neb. The retiring editor is H. A. Lamb.



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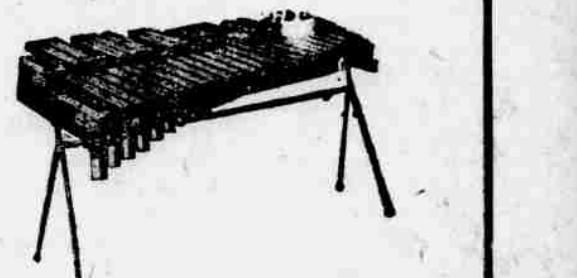
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Holy Night (Adams)	Evan Willaims	81.25
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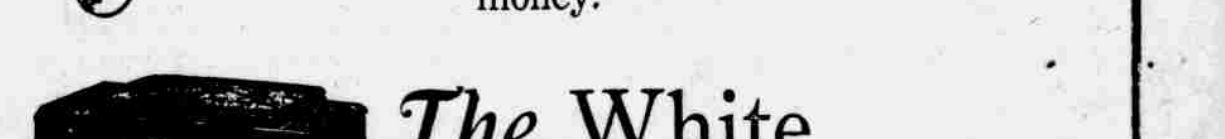
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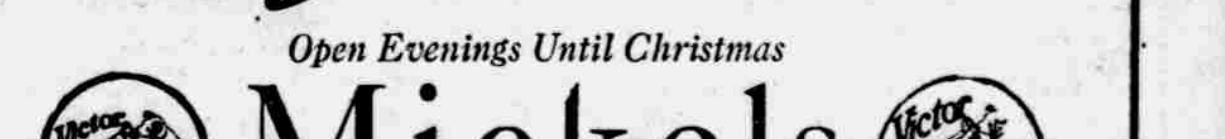
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