

# DIVORCE TRIAL MAY BE LURID

### Husband's Cross Petition Tells of City Bred Wife's Wrong Doings

ALLIANCE, NEB.—(Special)—A divorce suit that contains all the colorful details of the most modern screen romances is on file here with a petition by Vera Gaddis and cross petition by Frank Gaddis, who charges cruelty and infidelity. He also names Leo Berry as co-defendant.

The story goes back to the time when Gaddis had just returned from France, where he fought in the war. While in Chicago taking treatments for an injured hand, a romance began with the daughter of a woman who ran a Chicago woman's apparel store.

They were married and came west where the city girl became a housewife on a western Nebraska ranch. All went well for a time and then her longing came for the buzz of the loop district. About that time another man came on the scene.

# MORE ALIMONY MUST BE PAID

### Nebraska Court Says Madison County Man Tried to Conceal Property

LINCOLN, NEB.—(Special)—The supreme court, in an opinion by Justice Dean, has ordered an increase from \$1,000 to \$3,000 in the amount of permanent alimony that Emil Haase, resident of Madison county, must pay to his divorced wife, Hattie, and also an increase from \$10 to \$15 of the monthly payment to be made henceforth for the support of their children, now in her custody.

The court says that the evidence shows that Haase owns from \$16,000 to \$20,000 in property, part of which he attempted to conceal by a transfer to his father, and that the allowance by the trial court is inadequate. It says that this is another of those domestic tragedies where apparently there was fault on both sides, but the laws of God and man place upon the normal man the sacred duty of supporting his wife and children.

# POWER COMPANIES SHOULD GIVE UP PROPAGANDA

LINCOLN, NEB.—(UP)—Power companies should stay out of politics and close their propaganda factories, Attorney General C. A. Sorenson declared in an address before the power conference here Wednesday afternoon.

"The facts brought out by the investigation of the federal trade commission will cause embarrassment to the power companies for many years because of their attempt to get their propaganda against public ownership into schools, churches, county press, and women's clubs," he said.

# NORFOLK PIONEER IS KILLED AT CROSSING

NORFOLK, NEB.—(Special)—John Faubel, 76 years old, pioneer of this locality, was killed at noon Wednesday when Union Pacific freight train No. 77 switching over a crossing ran him down.

# ALLEGED COUNTERFEITERS ARE CAUGHT IN OMAHA

OMAHA.—Police say they have brought to light an international counterfeiting ring, with the arrest, Wednesday, of Jean L. Letalier, George D. Eareland and Jesse Becerra. Officers seized plates, molds and metals for making 5, 10 and 25 cent pieces and \$5 gold pieces, they said.

# ACT OF SELF DESTRUCTION BLAMED ON BOOZE TRIALS

OMAHA.—(UP)—The gambling and bootlegging cleanup of Omaha is believed by police to have figured in the self destruction of Max Bushman, proprietor of a lower Douglas street hotel, who shot and killed himself Wednesday night. His place was raided several years ago and he once served a three months jail sentence at Fremont for receiving stolen goods. Bushman was a brother-in-law of Morris Milder, wealthy oil man and political leader, whose desire to usurp the throne of Tom Dennison, recognized political king, is held responsible for the cleanup going on here, according to gossip in political circles.

# ANNOUNCE CONTEST FOR HIGH SCHOOL PAPERS

FREMONT.—Midland college's third annual Tri-State Press contest for high school newspapers of Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska, will be held from March 30 to April 20 under the auspices of Theta Gamma Epsilon, Midland's honorary journalism fraternity, William Sudman, president of the fraternity, announces.

# NEBRASKA STATE BANKS PAY REGULAR ASSESSMENT

LINCOLN—All state banks in Nebraska, including the 559 which filed an injunction suit last December to prevent the state from collecting a special assessment for the state guaranty fund, have paid to the state banking bureau their regular semiannual assessments levied under date of January 1. The total was about \$127,000 which has been used to retire outstanding certificates against certain failed banks.

There were 728 banks that received notice of the regular January assessment, which was one-tenth of 1 per cent of their average deposits for six months preceding.

# SAFETY RECORD MOST UNUSUAL

### Union Pacific Employees to Be Honored for Their Accomplishment

OMAHA, NEB.—(UP)—More than 3,000 employees who are believed to have set safety records never before equalled on any railroad, will be honored by the Union Pacific railroad here Saturday.

Among the number are 1,600 foremen of the system between Omaha and Ogden, 702 of whom have gone five years without injuries to themselves or men working under them. Each will be given a certificate of merit signed personally by President Carl R. Gray. Among the foremen to be most signally honored will be Jerry Shannahan, switch engine foreman, at Kansas City, Kan.; Matthias Franzen, section foreman, of Cedar Rapids, Neb., and Thomas Dugdale, foreman of the Omaha shops.

Some of the outstanding safety records believed never before equalled include:

Entire switching yard office in Council Bluffs yards went from August 9, 1925 to October 4, 1928 without a single reportable accident.

Since June 11, 1927, the 820 track employes of the Colorado division of the road have worked without an injury that caused so much as a day's lost time. A gold card will be presented J. L. Gallavan, of Denver, general roadmaster for the Colorado division.

Since June 1924, the 320 men in the car shops at Cheyenne, Wyo., have worked without a reportable injury. They have worked since January, 1926, without loss of a single day. A "reportable" accident, under interstate commerce commission rules is one which prevents a man from working inside of three days. Hundreds of Union Pacific officials and workmen not receiving awards will attend the ceremonies of presentation of medals.

# GOVERNOR NAMES TREE PLANTING COMMITTEE

LINCOLN.—(UP)—A committee to formulate a plan for tree planting and the beautification of Nebraska was appointed Thursday by Governor Weaver. The group is to represent all industries and institutions in which there should be improvement by the planting of trees, flowers and shrubbery. It will cooperate with the federal and state agencies on tree planting and landscape beautification.

# HASTINGS PLANS FOR STATE G. A. R. MEETING

HASTINGS.—(UP)—The contract agreement between the Hastings Chamber of Commerce and G. A. R. bodies for entertainment for their annual encampment here next May, was completed and the contract signed Tuesday.

The Chamber of Commerce will furnish headquarters rooms at the Clarke hotel for the G. A. R., Women Relief Corps, Daughters of Veterans, Sons of Veterans, and a suitable place for holding the patriotic institute on the afternoon of May 21. Badges, printed programs and ballots for the election of delegates will also be supplied by the Chamber.

# COMPENSATION COMMISSIONER OVERRULED IN LYONS CASE

LINCOLN.—The supreme court has overruled the action of the compensation commissioner in allowing Emil Sohl compensation as against Ludwig Janecek. The latter owned a well digging outfit at Lyons, Burt county, and made an arrangement with Sohl by which he was to manage the business and get half the profits, with a guarantee that he would get at least \$100 a month. The court says that this constituted a partnership, and that the law does not permit one partner to draw compensation for injuries received in the course of doing business. The attorneys for Sohl contended that it could not be a partnership where half the profits were being given him for managing the business.

# MISS MULLEN REAPPOINTED FEDERAL COMMISSIONER

OMAHA.—(UP)—In absence of Judge Woodruff, Federal Judge T. C. Munger of Lincoln Thursday reappointed Miss Mary Mullen United States commissioner. Judge Woodruff will be out of the city until after expiration of Miss Mullen's present four year term next Monday. She is a sister of Arthur Mullen, democratic national committee man for Nebraska.

# TWO CONVICTS ARE TO BE DEPORTED

LINCOLN.—(UP)—Two convicts from Douglas county will be deported under action of the pardon board whose findings made at the meeting of February 12 were made public Thursday.

Antonio Fernando, who began serving a one to three year term from Douglas county for grand larceny December 14, 1927, will be deported to Mexico. William Atkins also sent up from Douglas, for breaking and entering, will be deported to Rumania.

# Luxurious Evening Wrap



This luxurious evening wrap is the pet creation of a famous Paris dressmaker. It utilizes heavy gold embroidery upon velvet material in the new shades of "Worth green."

# Habitual Offenders

From the Kansas City Star.

Time after time, it has been shown, the courts, the prisons, the entire machinery of the law, must deal with the same material. Much of the work of the police is taken up with known or habitual offenders; again and again the courts and the prisons are called upon to handle members of this class. Often the first offender is related, directly or remotely, to the so-called criminal element which continually demands attention. Were it not for the repeaters the cost of law enforcement would be materially reduced and efforts of enforcement agencies could be made much more effective.

The condition gives special point to the views of E. R. Cass, president of the American Prison association, at the organization's annual meeting here. Mr. Cass expressed doubt as to the value in permanent results, of many of the present methods of handling prisoners, the methods that have to do with reforming the offenders and turning them back into the social order.

In spite of the apparently excellent records of prisoners, according to the standards of measurement employed, the final outcome often is failure. "The converted prisoner sometimes backslides," the youthful offender, free from the reformatory, often lands in a state prison; the prisoner on probation may again come before the court and receive another sentence, while even "the honor man (in prison) becomes in outside life, in too many instances, a man of dishonor."

So it goes, leaving the enforcement mill to grind the same grist over and over again. Mr. Cass favors a thorough, disinterested study of the whole question of prison methods. That no doubt would help. It probably would be found, as the case has been shown to be, that a fundamental difficulty is unique consideration of the convicted offender himself rather than his probable future conduct, in the light of his record, as a restored member of society. For example, a prisoner may be shrewd enough to make an excellent showing with prison officials for the purpose of gaining his release, yet remain essentially "unreformed" and at heart the criminal he previously has been in fact. That possibility has been demonstrated repeatedly.

The obvious remedy seems to be punishment of such nature and duration as will leave the person affected little chance of resuming his career and serve at the same time as a wholesome example to other potential offenders.

# The S-4 Experiments

Credit to the navy department, it seems to us, is due for the experiments it is now making off Block Island with the "S-4," the submarine which was lost off Princetown a year ago with its whole crew. Most of us will have a vivid recollection of the harrowing days that followed the sinking of that boat, of the efforts to save the men who were imprisoned in it, and of the criticism that was directed against the navy, not only for its apparent helplessness of the moment but for its failure to have provided submarines with any apparatus that would enable them to be raised quickly in event of just such a contingency. That criticism must have been most unpleasant

# FILLING CREVICES

There is a liquid cement on the market now that is excellent for filling crevices around the bath tub or on the tiled floor. Putty fills in wood cracks and can be painted so it is perfectly concealed. Cracks absorb moisture so it is a sanitary measure to keep them filled.

Q. Was all Capo di Monte china made for Napoleon Bonaparte, or were the makers permitted to use his mark—a crown with N underneath—on the china they sold to the general public? M. C. B.

A. The Capo di Monte factory

to listen to, and it would have been only natural for naval officers to resent it. Some of them did resent it, and some declared it was senseless, pointing out that for every device intended to increase the safety of a submarine in event of accident there is a corresponding increase of weight, and hence a corresponding decrease of operating efficiency and hence a greater chance of accident. The wiser policy, they declared, was to build boats so manageable that they would not have accidents.

Nevertheless, in spite of the bitterness that marked the discussion, there was a noticeable willingness on the part of the department to tackle the main point, which was the development of feasible safety devices for submarine crews. Only a few months went by before there came news of a "lung," or special breathing apparatus, by means of which crews might escape from sunken boats with some expectation of getting to the surface alive. It was tried out with marked success. Now comes this series of experiments with the "S-4," which has been raised and especially fitted out for the work. The first object is to ascertain the practicability of the "lung" under emergency conditions. No doubt other things will be learned which will be valuable to know. All this is the result of a great deal of thought, a great deal of work, and a great deal of honest desire to prevent a repetition of what we witnessed last winter. Most of us will not only hope for success in the experiments but will applaud also the spirit in which the navy department has gone about its task.

# Cafe Charge Drives Dinner Guest Insane

Paris.—The high cost of dining drove Jacques Simon insane. He had finished a splendid meal and was indulging in a few happy moments of meditation when the waiter presented him his bill. The first glance appalled him and the second drove him insane, with the result that he had to be taken to the Lariboisiere hospital.

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- + RHINE FLOWS THROUGH +
- + HUNDREDS OF CITIES +
- + Dulburg, —Thirty eight +
- + bridges span the Rhine, and +
- + 467 cities and villages dot its +
- + shores. These facts are appar- +
- + ent from a new map of the +
- + historic German stream just +
- + published here. +
- + Eight of the bridges across +
- + the Rhine are located in Hol- +
- + land, four at Bale in Switzer- +
- + land, at Cologne, Bonn, Cob- +
- + lence, Bingen and Mayence +
- + there are two and sometimes +
- + more bridges to accommodate +
- + the railway, pedestrian, auto- +
- + mobile and tramway traffic. +
- + Many of the villages and +
- + cities are over 1,000 years old. +
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was started by Charles III in 1736. He took much interest in it and sometimes worked in the pottery. It was moved to Naples in 1771, and a branch was started at Madrid. King Ferdinand IV was also interested in these factories. The china to which you refer with the mark of a crown and N under it was made at the Naples factory. The N was for Naples rather than Napoleon. The public was privileged to buy the products. The manufacture was abandoned in 1821.

"So they finally got married?"  
"Yup—it's all over but the shouting."

# LINCOLN WOMAN FOUND TO BE ROBBER ACCOMPLICE

LINCOLN.—While her small daughter waited in a car nearby, police say, Nellie Meyers, of Lincoln, participated in a house robbery Saturday night that resulted in her arrest and the recovery of scores of stolen articles.

Through a male companion eluded officers, the woman was captured after a chase of several blocks in which pursuers emptied their pistols in the air.

In the automobile, parked a block away from the robbed home, police found the woman's child in the care of Mrs. Jean Johnson. The latter explained that Mrs. Meyers and the missing man had asked her to wait for them while they visited friends.

A woman's footprints found around numerous robed homes, led police to believe that Mrs. Meyers was the man's accomplice, they said. The recovered articles, wearing apparel, jewelry, toilet accessories and even table lamps were found in her rooms. They had been given her, she said, by her companion.

# COMPANY MUST PAY THE CLAIM

### Nebraska Supreme Court Assesses Double Indem- nity Against Concern

LINCOLN, NEB.—(UP)—The supreme court held Monday that Jacob Ita, of Merrick county, died from blood poisoning, contracted in an accidental injury and that the Elkhorn Life and Accident company was liable for the double indemnity clause in its insurance contract.

The policy specified that the company would pay double—\$6,000—if the person died from the effects of an accident but not if death was caused by infection. The court held that the company failed to specify that it would not pay if infection was contracted in an accidental injury and then caused death.

# OMAHA BANKER SOON GOES TO CHICAGO

Omaha.—(UP)—Omaha bade farewell to her most prominent citizen Tuesday, when 500 of the city's business, religious, educational and social leaders joined in a testimonial banquet to Walter W. Head.

Head, president of the Omaha National bank since 1920, resigned to become president of a large Chicago financial institution. He will assume his new duties March 1.

Among prominent persons who came here for the banquet were Jabe E. West, of New York, chief executive of the Boy Scouts of America; Fred Sargeant, president of the Chicago and Northwestern railway; Governor Arthur J. Weaver; Oscar Hansen, of Chicago, with whom Head will be associated, and R. E. Brown and Henry Krug, Jr., St. Joseph, Mo., bankers.

Since coming here from St. Joseph in 1917 Head had become easily Omaha's foremost citizen. There was hardly any worthwhile project in Omaha or Nebraska with which he was not identified. He holds executive positions in more enterprises probably than any other man in the history of the state.

He came here as vice president of Omaha National, being elected president in 1920. Several years later he was honored by being elected president of the American Bankers' association, a position he held for one year.

# WOMAN LAWYER HANDLES TAX TITLE CONTROVERSY

LINCOLN.—A woman lawyer, Miss Helen McGerr, of Lincoln, made her bow in supreme court where she appeared to defend the right of Oscar and Albert Peterson, land owners of Rock county, to read their titles clear. Back in 1922, Jabe Gibson bought three tax certificates against this land, but did not seek to foreclose until after five years had passed. Miss McGerr maintained that such action must be begun in five years, while Gibson's attorney says that the law has been repeatedly changed with the result that there are now two conflicting statutes, one giving a perpetual lien for tax certificates and the other requiring foreclosure in five years. He argued that a proper interpretation of the laws would make eight years the limit.

The case has attracted considerable attention in investment circles, and an Omaha lawyer was employed to intervene as a friend of the court. He argues that the statutes, construed together, fix seven years as the limit.

# BANK FAILURE, NOT LOVE AFFAIR CAUSED TRAGEDY

OMAHA.—(UP)—Loss of \$5,000 in a failed bank and not an unsuccessful love affair was what caused John Mimiranick to kill himself at North Platte, Sunday, according to Anton Nespesny, with whom Mimiranick made his home here. The man never paid any attention to women, Nespesny said.

# WAKEFIELD PIONEER IS LAID TO HIS FINAL REST

WAKEFIELD.—(Special)—Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Salem Lutheran church for Lewis J. Ring, 81 years old, a resident of this vicinity since 1906. Services were conducted by Rev. J. A. Martin.

# MAY ESCAPE ACTION FOR CRIMINAL OPERATION

CRETE, NEB.—(UP)—Although a coroner's jury found that Mrs. Rhoda Hoyt, 31 years old, came to her death through a criminal operation performed by an Omaha doctor, there probably will be no criminal prosecution of the physician, Deputy County Attorney John Yeager, who conducted the inquest, says.

The jury in its verdict returned late Tuesday recommended that action be started against the doctor. Yeager said, however, that evidence was insufficient.

# SCHOOL FIGHT TO HIGH COURT

### Director Says He Resigned "to Save Bloodshed"— Right to Place Resisted

LINCOLN, NEB.—(UP)—Descriptions of a school board meeting in which threats of bodily injury became so serious that one of the members resigned to "save bloodshed" were told in supreme court Monday by attorneys interested in the case of Charles W. Purinton against Frank Lief which originated in York county.

The meeting was held June 11, 1928, in district 33 of York county. Purinton is alleged to have refused to re-employ a teacher who kept company with a man to whom he objected. Her parents and the young man attended the annual school board meeting.

Such a demonstration of physical force was made, according to Purinton, that he was forced to hand in his resignation. The board had appointed Frank Lief to serve the remainder of the term but Purinton re-claimed his position.

When taken into court, the district court decided in favor of Purinton and Lief has appealed.

# ASK COURT TO REMOVE STING

LINCOLN, NEB.—(UP)—Attorneys for W. A. Fraser and other officers of the Woodmen of the World appeared in supreme court Monday, to argue their motion to eliminate those portions of the opinion in the Globe Life company case that challenge their motives and accused them of fraudulent conduct in the bringing about of the investment of Woodmen funds in the life company and in carrying out the project. They said that if this were allowed to go into the law books it would forever besmirch their names, and that it would hold them up to the ignominy of the members of the order. They said that these findings were wrong, in the first place, and unnecessary to be included in the second place, after the court had held that the sovereign camp, by whose authority they had acted throughout, had no power to order the investment made.

Attorneys of the members who complained objected to the deletion. They insisted that it is no defense for a person who does wrong to say that he did so in obedience to orders from a superior. They said that the question of fraud entered into the case, was argued and considered by the court for much of its opinion is an analysis of evidence on that point. They claim that the officers really controlled and dictated the action of the sovereign camp, and that Fraser had defeated a motion before the camp to have the Woodmen retain 51 per cent. of the Globe stock. They charged that the motion to delete was equivalent to asking the court to help conceal from the members the details of their conduct and to exonerate them from betrayal of their trust, as found by the trial court.

# DISAPPOINTMENT IN LOVE AFFAIR BLAMED FOR DEATH

NORTH PLATTE.—(UP)—Failure in love is believed to have prompted John Mimiranick, 40 years old, a tinner, to kill himself with a shotgun. His body was found Monday near the North Platte river railway bridge. Mimiranick went to Omaha more than a week ago to be married but, when he returned a few days later, he had no bride.

# TWO NEBRASKA NURSES GIVEN ROCKEFELLER AWARD

LINCOLN.—(UP)—Miss Myra Tucker, instructor at the University of Nebraska Hospital School of Nursing at Omaha, and Miss Arta Lewis, superintendent of nurses at Mary Lanning hospital, at Hastings, have been awarded the Rockefeller Foundation scholarship, for three months of study and observation.

The two nurses leave for Montgomery, Ala., Tuesday to spend the first two weeks in a study of public health nursing. The same subject will be studied for two weeks in the East Harlem maternity center, at New York City.

# BLAME FIRE BUG FOR LOSS ON FARM

NORFOLK.—Fire bugs are trying to burn up the Herman Bille farm buildings. When the family left home one day last week a fire was started in the basement but it went out. Sunday night the barn was burned.

# TWO KENESAW, NEB. BANKS ARE CONSOLIDATED

LINCOLN.—(UP)—The Kenesaw State bank and the First State bank of Kenesaw have been consolidated. Examiner H. C. Baty, of the state department of trade and commerce reports. The deposits of the Kenesaw State bank, amounting to \$125,000 will be taken over by their successor, the First State bank.

# YOUTH LOSES MEMORY IN MYSTERIOUS MANNER

OMAHA.—(UP)—Thorwald Hansen Jr., 19 years old, son of a prominent real estate man here, suffered from loss of memory following his initiation into a fraternity at University of Nebraska last Thursday and is now confined in his parent's home here.

Members of the fraternity denied that anything had been done to Hansen to cause his condition. They said the initiation proper had not even started when he disappeared.