

# NORRIS FLAYS TREASURY HEAD

## Nebraska Senator Asserts Andrew Mellon Should Quit Cabinet Post

Lincoln, Neb.—(UP)—Turning his attention from the question of flood control-irrigation and his disagreement with H. D. Strunk, editor of the McCook Gazette, on that question, Senator George W. Norris, in Lincoln Wednesday, discussed his attitude toward Secretary of Treasury Mellon and the pending tariff legislation.

The senior senator from Nebraska did not hesitate to condemn the treasury head, asserting that a man with so many outside interests and whose attitude toward law enforcement is "such as Mellon's is known to be," should not head that department.

"Mellon ought to resign," he said. "He ought to realize that he should not hold that office."

Hope for the passage of a "much improved" tariff bill also was explained, he meant as compared with the one passed by the House and given the Senate for consideration at the special session.

Senator Norris will go in Minden, Neb., where he will speak Friday before the association for the conservation, control and utilization of water resources. It is expected that at that time he will set forth fully his views on the irrigation question and its relation to power production, which has involved him in a conflict with the editor of the McCook Gazette.

### BIG STONE FALLS FROM OMAHA CITY HALL

Omaha, Neb.—(UP)—Several pedestrians narrowly escaped from death or injury when a stone weighing 50 pounds fell from the tower of the city hall 85 feet to the street below here Tuesday. The stone, an ornament, struck a parked automobile badly damaging it.

### HE HAS GOOD RECORD AS CORN HUSKER

Bristow, Neb.—(Special)—In a day of eight and a half hours, Otto Johnson, son of Charles Johnson, who has been husking corn at Oakland, got 116 bushels. In 13 consecutive days, he husked 1,300 bushels of corn. One day he husked 70 bushels in 4 1/2 hours.

### PUBLIC SCHOOLS CLOSE STUDENTS IN PAROCHIALS

Lincoln, Neb.—(Special)—A letter to Attorney General Sorenson from Ben F. Graunke, county treasurer, states five or six public schools in the county have been closed for the last 10 years or so and that there is little prospect of their being opened because of the parochial schools that are being operated in that district. He makes a query as to what shall be done with the money that has been collected as intangible taxes and credited to these schools, one district having \$500 to its credit.

Mr. Sorenson offered the opinion that the money of these districts should be held in the office of the county treasurer until called for by the districts to be used for school purposes since it is possible that sometime in the future there may be a demand for public schools in the districts.

### MUST GIVE NOTICE OF INCREASED ASSESSMENT

Lincoln, Neb.—Where the assessment of real estate is increased, the property owner must be notified, Attorney General Sorenson holds in an opinion asked by County Attorney Williams of Albia.

A decree of the district court in Boone county in January, 1929 added some land to the city of Albia. The property was first assessed in 1929 as rural real estate and later as real estate subject to city taxes. The attorney general states that the opinion he offers is taken from court decisions relating to personal property, but that they should be just as binding in the case of real estate.

The supreme court holds that the taxpayer has a right to rely upon his sworn return to the county assessor unless notice is given him of an intention to increase the assessment. A change of schedule without notice should be filed as a complaint with the board of equalization because any substantial increase without notice and opportunity for hearing is the taking of property without due process of law and is void.

### NEBRASKA FIREMEN TO MEET AT KEARNEY

Kearney, Neb.—(UP)—All is in readiness to entertain the 1,500 or more fire fighters expected to attend the annual convention of the Nebraska State Volunteer Firemen's association here January 21 to 23, those in charge of arrangements state.

### MAKE BIG BONFIRE

Lincoln, Neb.—(UP)—Almost 200 "has-been" automobiles were burned in a huge New Year's night bonfire here Wednesday night in an effort to rid the city of many decrepit automobiles.

Soaked with 900 gallons of gasoline and oil, to which oil boxes and 2,000 Christmas trees had been added, the automobiles made a huge blaze that gave off such terrific heat that spectators were forced back.

### GAMBLING LOSSES BLAMED FOR JAP HANGING SELI

Grand Island, Neb.—(UP)—Gambling losses are blamed by friends for Jack Kirita, Japanese restaurant employe, hanging himself from a rafter in one of the small vacant horse barns at the county fair grounds.

Kirita disappeared from the restaurant where he worked December 15. Companions said he lost more than \$1,000 betting on baseball games. He was about 50 years old and was born in Japan, and had spent much of his life aboard ships.

### LEGION IN NEBRASKA HAS NEW ADJUTANT

Lincoln, Neb.—(UP)—Henry H. Dudley, former adjutant of the American Legion posts at Omaha, took over his duties Thursday as state adjutant of the Legion. He fills the position made vacant by the resignation of Adjutant Conklin, who will work in the future with the publishing company that issues the Nebraska Legionnaire.

# AUTO DITCHED, CHILD DROWNS

## Trapped Under Ice in Shallow Water Near Falls City Neb., Wed. Night

Falls City, Neb.—(UP)—Hurled into a creek when the car in which she was riding with her parents overturned on the highway near here, Charlotte Marie Vandevort, 3 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul F. Vandevort, of Falls City, was drowned Wednesday night.

As the parents extricated themselves from the wreckage of the machine, they heard the child cry "Daddy." They started a search for her but were unable to locate her or get an answer to their calls.

Passing motorists joined the parents in the search but it was more than an hour before a farmer discovered the body of the child, trapped beneath the thin coating of ice on the shallow stream.

The accident occurred when a tire on the car blew out, turning the car over. Mr. and Mrs. Vandevort and two other of their children who were in the car, suffered cuts and bruises.

### SON OF WAYNE MAN HEIR TO BIG ESTATE

Wayne, Neb.—(Special)—The death of General E. C. Bellows of Los Angeles, Cal., last Saturday, makes Lester E. Bellows of Spencer, Ia., son of W. E. Bellows of Wayne county, one of the two beneficiaries in the estate of deceased, which amounts to \$500,000. Mr. Bellows has already received \$100,000 and an annuity which pays him \$2,300 for the remainder of his life.

### FIRST ROAD LETTING OF YEAR HELD AT LINCOLN

Lincoln, Neb.—(UP)—The first road letting of the year was held in the house chambers this morning by the state department of public works with about 100 contractors bidding for \$100,000 worth of highway projects. Contracts for six projects, most of them bridges, were to be awarded at the letting. All but one of these projects had been carried over from previous lettings.

### BOYS OPERATE THEIR OWN BASS HATCHERY

Erickson, Neb.—(UP)—Preparations are being made on a farm here for the improvement of a fish hatchery believed to be operated by the youngest fish culturists in Nebraska.

The hatchery was developed by the Wunderlich brothers, sons of Chris Wunderlich, on a farm about four miles north of here. The two youths hatch and rear to fingerling size, black bass.

Across the Cedar river from their home is a large spring. A dam was constructed by the youths to retain the spring waters and when the pond was filled, the two occupied themselves in their leisure hours with fishing along the Cedar river for spawner bass. As such fish were obtained, they were placed in the pond.

The young culturists soon had the pond stocked with schools of small bass. Late in the summer the bass had developed to fingerling size. Then the river overflowed and the miniature bass were released into the river.

The father of the boys has now become interested in the project and is aiding in the construction of a dyke to protect the hatchery pond from the overflow of the river.

### THREE DEATHS RESULT FROM AUTO INJURIES

Omaha, Neb.—(UP)—After setting a new all-time record in 1929 automobile fatalities here are of an untoward good start. Two persons injured in Omaha and one injured near Plattsmouth have died here since the new year began.

Lewis D'Agosta, 40 years old, a chef, died Thursday night from injuries sustained when struck by Dr. B. M. Adams' car 24 hours earlier.

William Casen, 16 years old, struck by a hit and run driver, December 27, died Thursday afternoon.

Bertha Lancaster, of Murray, died at Methodist hospital here following an accident near Plattsmouth.

### BOY CONFESSES BURNING OLD SALOON BUILDING

Omaha, Neb.—(UP)—Arrested for arson, Stanley Kurez, 14 years old, told Fire Inspector Green here and two other boys had fired an old, empty saloon building to "beautify the neighborhood" in which they lived. They soaked walls with gasoline before applying a match and Kurez was burned about face and hands.

### BLACK GLOVES

Quite the most important glove development is the vogue for black for both street and evening. On the street they are better with red and blues than with black costumes.

### SHE USED KEROSENE TO REVIVE FIRE, BURNED

Fremont, Neb.—(UP)—Mrs. Walter Handlip, 19 years old, sustained possible fatal burns in her home when a can of kerosene with which she was attempting to revive a smouldering fire, ignited.

# HE BLOWS HEAD OFF WITH GUN

## Children Witness Lincoln Tragedy Result of Parents Separating

Lincoln, Neb.—(UP)—Enraged because a reconciliation with his wife failed, Victor Jacobson of Marysville, Kan., a farmer, early Tuesday threatened to kill four persons and then shot himself to death.

The shooting occurred in the bedroom at the apartment of Mrs. Katherine Hayes, of Lincoln, his mother-in-law. His wife, Bessie, had left the farmer about a week ago and was planning to make the separation permanent, relatives said.

Five of the Jacobson's seven children were witnesses to the shooting. Six of these children had been taken by the father from Marysville as he drove to Lincoln early Tuesday with a 12 gauge shotgun Curtis, the eldest child, was not at home.

The trip to Lincoln was made after the father had failed to patch up his matrimonial difficulties with his wife over long distance telephone and she had told him she would return Tuesday night to make plans to sell their property and divide the proceeds and custody of the children, who range in ages from 4 to 17 years.

Arriving there, Jacobson demanded that his wife go with him to the Hayes apartment. He was carrying the gun and his breath smelled strongly of liquor, she said. Half of the duplex apartment is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Burke, who were disturbed by Jacobson's actions.

When Mrs. Burke came to the door to investigate, Jacobson saw her and threatened to kill first her 1-year-old baby and then herself. He placed the muzzle of the gun against her throat and she laughed at him and pushed it away.

Then going up to the Hayes apartment, Jacobson herded five of the children, his wife, and her brother, Paul Hayes, into a bedroom. The first shot he aimed at his wife. She rolled under the bed, unhurt. The next shot at Paul went wild also but he dropped to the floor feigning death. A third shot was fired as Paul fell and a part of the charge went through the wall, one pellet striking a roomer, Arthur Schriener, but inflicting no injury.

Then Jacobson placed the muzzle of the gun at the right side of his head and pulled the trigger. His skull was split in two.

### MANN ACT CHARGES WILL BE FILED

Omaha, Neb.—(UP)—Mann act charges probably will be filed against E. E. Evans of Flint, Mich., parole violator and alleged "love bandit," who was arrested at Valley, Neb., Monday in company with Mrs. Edward Curvin, 21 years old, of Flint. Evans and the woman had been using the name of "Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sawyer."

Evans is wanted by Michigan authorities for violating his parole. He served 21 months of a three-year sentence for felonious assault and attempted murder of the woman's husband. After the attack he induced her to flee with him.

When he received his parole he is said to have returned to the Curvin home and again induced Mrs. Curvin to accompany him, at the same time threatening her husband with violence if he interfered.

Mrs. Curvin announced she would stick by Evans. "We will be married after he straightens things up with the law and I get my divorce," she said.

### POSTMASTER AT OVERTON, NEB., KILLED BY TRAIN

Overtown, Neb.—(UP)—J. H. Schlee, postmaster, was killed Monday when he was struck by a passenger train as he attempted to cross a main line track here.

### BURNS CAUSE DEATH OF AN OMAHA WOMAN

Omaha, Neb.—(UP)—Mrs. Josephine Prusha, 66 years old, died early Tuesday, nine hours after sustaining burns when her dress had caught fire from a grass fire in her yard. The aged woman's entire body was seared by flames before neighbors could throw her to the ground and extinguish the fire.

### NEBRASKAN WANTED BY MICHIGAN AUTHORITIES

Omaha, Neb.—(UP)—Jack Sawyer, said to be wanted in Michigan for violation of parole, was arrested at Valley, Neb., today by Deputy Sheriff Taylor and Hoye and is being held pending information from Michigan authorities. Sawyer had been working as a sign painter at Valley and he was arrested when townspeople reported his actions peculiar. He was living with a woman, who, Sheriff McDonald said, is not his wife. He had been sentenced in Michigan for attempted murder, according to Bertillon records here.

### PETERS TRUST CASE TO U. S. CIRCUIT COURT

Omaha, Neb.—(UP)—Transcript of the Peters Trust company case will be forwarded to circuit court of appeals within the next few days. Recorder Hoy announced. Attorneys for John W. Gamble, state liquidation agent and the state department of trade and commerce were Saturday given permission to appeal the case to the higher court.

### LEGION POST SPONSORS TALK BY SENATOR NORRIS

Omaha, Neb.—(UP)—Senator George W. Norris has accepted invitation of the American Legion post at McCook to appear under its auspices during his coming visit in his home town. The invitation was wired here by the post Monday night.

Senator Norris said he would make use of the occasion to present his side of the controversy raging between himself and Editor H. D. Strunk of the McCook Gazette, providing there were no objections from his hosts.

### APPOINT SHERIFF IN PLACE OF OUSTED MAN

Lincoln, Neb.—(UP)—Earle Dean has been appointed sheriff of Kimball county pending the disposal of quo warranto proceedings against Sheriff O. Ed Swanson, whose removal from office is sought by the state, Gov. Arthur Weaver announced Tuesday.

The appointment of Dean was made by the Kimball county board with the approval of Governor Weaver. Swanson was suspended from office by Governor Weaver last week and quo warranto proceedings have been filed against him in the supreme court by the state to remove him permanently from office.

Governor Weaver said an investigation made by him has revealed Swanson had consorted with bootleggers and has failed to enforce the laws in Kimball county.

# FREMONT MUST REFUND TAXES

## Ordinance Levying License "Itinerant Vendors" Held Void

Lincoln, Neb.—(UP)—The ordinance of the city of Fremont taxing "itinerant vendors" \$300 a year was held to be void and the city was ordered to pay to the Peterson Baking company of Omaha, \$600 in taxes collected under the ordinance and \$39.50 in interest.

The supreme court gave the decision Tuesday in the case, and affirmed the decision of the district court which had held the ordinance was too indefinite. The city had appealed from the lower court's decision.

The supreme court held that the term "itinerant vendor" is not defined by the city ordinance, that it has no legal or popular meaning, and that it extends its application to wholesale bakers selling bread and distributing it daily to regular retail customers by means of its own trucks. The taxing or collecting officers are without authority to supply such a definition or to extend municipal legislation beyond its definite import, the court held.

### FINISH PICKING THEIR NEIGHBOR'S CORN CROP

Winslow, Neb.—(Special)—Friends and neighbors shucked and cribbed 1,600 bushels of corn here while Pyott S. Rhudy was visiting his wife, who is ill in the Methodist hospital in Sioux City. Mr. Rhudy left early Sunday morning and had no idea that the balance of his corn crop would be shucked and cribbed on his return home. Forty-four neighbors with 14 teams came to his aid, and the wives of five of the crew brought food and served dinner. Chris Jensen a farmer living near here, who is seriously ill, was surprised Monday by his neighbors who came with 22 teams, a grain elevator and 50 corn pickers and picked 45 acres of corn by 4:30 o'clock.

### LEGION POST WITHDRAWS INVITATION TO NORRIS

McCook, Neb.—(UP)—Sen. George W. Norris' invitation to address his "home folks" under the auspices of the McCook American Legion post has been withdrawn, it is announced by officers of the post.

The invitation was extended to Senator Norris, Monday, by A. K. St. Clair, adjutant of the post. At a conference of Legionnaires Tuesday morning, it was decided to withdraw the invitation because "Senator Norris will not be here for a regular meeting of the post."

No formal plans have been made for the reception of Senator Norris when he arrives here later.

### WILL PROBE AFFAIRS OF NORTH BEND BANK

Fremont, Neb.—(UP)—Circumstances surrounding the closing of the First State bank of North Bend, last January 10, will be subject to investigation by County Attorney Mahlin. It was announced after Mahlin and Attorney General C. A. Sorenson conferred, Tuesday. When the bank was closed, it was estimated the depositors would suffer a loss of approximately \$300,000.

Malesance is charged by A. C. Shallenberger, special investigator for the state department of trade and commerce, in his report on the bank's condition.

### EXPECT GOVERNOR TO CALL SPECIAL SESSION

Lincoln, Neb.—(UP)—The Associated Press learned Tuesday that Governor Weaver will call a special session of the legislature to consider the state banking situation. A group of bankers met the governor Sunday, it was revealed, and agreed that legislative action was the only means by which state bankers might find a way back to normal conditions.

Those attending the meeting, however, were bound to secrecy. Governor Weaver himself said that he had not pledged himself either way on the matter, but that he soon would issue a formal statement covering everything. It is believed that the supreme court's ruling on a motion for rehearing of the special assessment case will be the signal for the call of the legislature.

### BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION IS CLOSED

Havelock, Neb.—(UP)—The Havelock Building and Loan association, with approximately \$250,000 on its books, closed its doors late Tuesday afternoon and is in the hands of the state department of trade and commerce. Secretary Bliss of the department placed Examiner H. P. Davis in charge of the institution's affairs.

W. F. Ackerman, president of the association, stated there will probably be a small loss to shareholders.

# BANK MANAGER UNDER ARREST

## Nine Counts Charge Embezzlement of \$9,000 from Institution at Polk, Neb

Osceola, Neb.—(UP)—Raymond L. Cox, of Polk, was arrested here Thursday night on a charge of embezzlement, nine counts, totaling \$9,000 from the defunct bank of Polk, closed by the state banking department in November.

His father, Hadley Cox, of York was president of the bank but Raymond had been in charge of it for 20 years. The shortages were discovered by state bank examiners in checking over the records of the bank and the complaint was filed December 16.

Cox was given his freedom on a \$2,500 bond furnished by a friend and was granted until January 6, to enter a plea. Cox voluntarily surrendered to county officers.

County Attorney J. T. Stanton, in his complaint, states that the bank's money was converted to the use of its former officer from June, 1927, to September, 1929, shortly before the time that the bank was closed.

# BUY WHEAT AT OMAHA MART

Omaha, Neb.—(UP)—It is definitely announced here that the National Grain corporation, subsidiary of the Federal Farm board presided over by Alexander Legge, has authorized buying of wheat on the Omaha Grain Exchange at fixed basic prices. For No. 1 hard winter, \$1.15 will be paid. The price for No. 2 hard winter will be \$1.13.

The object of the move is to stabilize wheat prices at the above figures, precluding possibility of the market dropping below that point. These grades were quoted about 8 cents above the board's minimum figures Friday.

The National Grain commission company which acts as agent for Farmers Union Co-operative elevators on the Omaha exchange will temporarily handle the business.

Upon receiving official notification of the move, officials of the grain exchange issued a statement extending facilities to the grain corporation, and assuring Chairman Legge that the exchange would do everything in its power to help along the plan.

### MYSTERY MAN IN AN OMAHA HOSPITAL

Omaha, Neb.—(UP)—"Mr. X," who for eight days has been in state of delirium at the state medical hospital here, has been a disappointment to many who have filed past the sick room in the belief he might be a lost son, father or brother.

The man was brought here a few days ago by the American Legion of Bridgeport, Neb., after he had slumped over unconscious in a barber chair there. The Legion members believed he may have been suffering from World War injuries. He was registered at the hospital as "Mr. X."

In his mutterings he refers to "Pike." A key ring in his pocket bears the name of James Pike, Morley Mich. Telegraphic inquiry by members of the Legion established that Pike is now in that city and that "Mr. X" may be Edward Tremain of Morley, whose parents and brother were killed a year and a half ago in an automobile crash.

Laundry marks, however, bear the initials "J. E. P. T." They include the four initials of Pike and Tremain but not in the proper order.

### WAR TIME SLACKER GIVEN COURT VINDICATION

Omaha, Neb.—(UP)—Rudolph Ver Mehren, for many years branded as a war time slacker, while federal operatives sought him in a nation wide hunt, has been vindicated by a decision of the United States circuit court of appeals.

A court martial sentence for "evading the draft" first set at 30 years in prison and then reduced by the war department to one year has been nullified by the court.

To clear his name and to escape the status of a hunted man he tried last March to surrender to Fort Des Moines authorities but Colonel Sirmeyer there would not accept him; the army had forgotten and had lost all interest in hunting the "slacker."

Ver Mehren then wired the war department, demanding the right to be made a prisoner. He was accommodated. Then began a legal battle which resulted in the nullification of sentence last October.

### BOYS ARE HELD FOR THEFT OF BEANS

Oshkosh, Neb.—(Special)—Two boys of 17 and 19 years old, are held here awaiting preliminary hearing on the charge of stealing over \$50 worth of beans. They were stolen from "Dad" Raymond. Sheriff Smith tracked the wagon which was used to haul away the beans. Both boys come from good families.

### EXPECT BIG HARVEST

Alliance, Neb.—(UP)—Ranchmen and trappers in this section of Nebraska are anticipating a rich harvest in furs following the opening of the muskrat trapping season for western counties, January 1. The muskrat trapping business has grown annually in this section of the state until it now involves millions of dollars.

Many ranchmen in this vicinity have found the enterprise so paying that they hire men to attend to their ranches while they devote their entire time to trapping.

### INJURED AIR PILOT AND NURSE MARRY

Omaha, Neb.—(UP)—Two years ago, Leonard Arnold, then 20 and a licensed pilot, was seriously injured in an air crash at a local air field. Aided in his fight for recovery by the tender care and healing smile of Miss Florence Voss, pretty student nurse, he took with equal facility to the tender care and the smile. Following his recovery the pair retained a friendship begun amid hospital surroundings.

Then love came. Then an elopement to Glenwood, Ia., a week ago. Then the secret leaked out. Friends learned of the nuptial and Arnold passed the zigzags.

# FARMERS RUSH CORN PICKING

## Good Weather Gives Belated Ones Chance to Complete Harvest

Norfolk, Neb.—(Special)—Spring like weather over north Nebraska is being taken advantage of by the farmers who still have corn in the fields. Many fields were cleaned up last week and practically all of the corn will be out of the picking machines. It was used this year and where these were used the corn was harvested before the recent foggy, wet weather. North Nebraska's corn crop is larger than ever this year.

### NORFOLK SECRETARY TO RETIRE JANUARY 1

Norfolk, Neb.—(Special)—Fred G. Humphrey for several years secretary of the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce has filed his resignation to take effect January 1. His resignation was filed following the recent annual meeting of the organization during which it was announced that the work during last year has been successful. He has not decided upon his future plans but indicated that he would continue in commercial club work. He is an officer in the Meridian Highway association and also in the Nebraska Good Roads association.

### NEW STEEL SPANS FOR NIOBRARA BRIDGE

Niobrara, Neb.—(Special)—The Chicago and North Western company has steel on track here to begin construction of five more steel spans on the bridge over the Niobrara river at this point. Construction work will begin shortly after the holidays.

### BANK ROBBER SUSPECTS WERE NOT IDENTIFIED

Omaha, Neb.—The police department were embarrassed Saturday. Five "suspects" in the \$15,000 Benson bank robbery here, several weeks ago, brought from Wichita, Kan., after Inspector of Detectives Ben Danbaum announced they had been identified as the bandits, have been released.

When the police brought the men here, heavily guarded, bank employes told officers that they hadn't met the "suspects" before. Last night the sheriff from Howard, Kan., took three of the men, Harlan Wilson, Arthur Parker and Bruce Terry, back to face bad check charges. The other two, Ralph and Cecil Brinkley, were released.

The Brinkleys insisted that the city pay their way back to Wichita, but they finally were forced to wire relatives in El Dorado, Kan., for money. "It's lucky for us that this bank robbery wasn't in Alaska or we never would have got back," Ralph remarked to the embarrassed police force as they left the station with a smile.

### REGAINS CONSCIOUSNESS AFTER 10 DAYS

Omaha, Neb.—(UP)—A man who has lain unconscious at University of Nebraska hospital here for 10 days, awoke Monday and told physicians his name is Leon L. Willis, 28 years old, and that his relatives live at Harvard, Ill.

Willis had been delirious since December 20 when he fell unconscious to the floor of a barber shop at Bridgeport, Neb.

His ravings and mutterings about persons supposedly living in Michigan led hospital officials to believe he was a shell-shocked war veteran from that state.

Willis attributed his condition to blows he received over the head while bumming his way on a freight train near Alliance, Neb., two days before he appeared in Bridgeport. Other hoboes, he said, attacked a companion and himself, beating and robbing them.

### BURNS TO DEATH IN HOME, FOUL PLAY?

Omaha, Neb.—(UP)—Jacob Scholting, 67 years old, retired carpenter, burned to death in a fire which destroyed his home near Child's Crossing, in Sarpy county, early Sunday morning. Because \$300 known to have been in the man's possession was not found in the debris, relatives may ask for an inquest. Other valuable papers were found in a metal box, unharmed. County Attorney Nolan said there was no evidence of foul play but would grant an inquest if relatives insisted.

### And Buttons Off. From Fit-Bits.

Salesman: These shirts simply laugh at the laundry, sir. Customer: I know. I've had some come back with their sides split.

### TRAIN CRASHES INTO CATERPILLAR TRACTOR

Homer, Neb.—(Special)—Leonard Reninger, driver of a state highway caterpillar tractor, miraculously escaped injury when he leaped from the tractor stalled on the railroad crossing just as a Burlington freight train struck the tractor.

Seeing the train too late, Mr. Reninger attempted to back off the crossing but instead stalled the car which was damaged to the extent of \$1,000.