### **GOES TO CLAIM** BELATED HONOR

Man Who Fought at Nanking, China, to Become Commander

(UP)-Lieu-Omaha, Neb. tenant "Bennie" Staudit who helped make naval history at the bombardment of Nanking, China, is to be rewarded for his services.

Lieutenant Staudt is en route to Chicago where he expects to be made a lieutenant commander. He was in charge of a gun crew on the United States vessel which bombarded Nanking and "pulled the pin" when his commanding officer ordered: 'em have it, Bennie.'

For a time it was doubtful whether the officers and crew of the vessel would be made heroes or court martialed for their action. The former prevailed. Lieutenant Staudt has been in charge of the naval recruiting station here.

EXPLAINS COMPLAINT ABOUT VETERANS' BUREAU

Superintendent C. W. Taylor today gave out a statement to the press clarifying his charges against the veterans bureau office in Omaha.

Taylor declared he complained to General Hines, head of the veterans bureau in Washington, that "during the past five or six years ex-service men have often been abused and insulted personally when went to Omaha for physical examination or re-examination." He said it has been "common talk" for five years among ex-service men that Dr. Allen Scott "have been lacking in the courtesy ordinarily due any man entering a public office on public business."

"Contrary to directions from General Hines," the statement said, "the medical rating department of the Omaha branch of the veterans bureau has adopted the attitude that every ex-service man applying for aid is a 'gold bricker.' The whole machinery of the bureau has been set to motion to make it as hard as possible for a man's case to be made up.

"The second complaint lodged against the medical rating department of the veterans bureau was their arbitrary manner in dealing with medical evidence which comes from outside of the bureau itself. Expert opinions and diagnotic statements of fact by outstanding members of the medical profession in Nebraska today are ruthlessly thrown aside by the Omaha bureau, or continously ignored by the bureau's own medicos.

"The evidence of other facts outside of the medical field bearing on cases of the men is uniformly discarded as one of no value or weight in the bureau's deliberations. The veterans bureau is organized in such a way that the bureau employes are both judge and jury in determining these cases. There is no opportunity of appeal except to some other

bureau organization. TO SAY IF ALIMONY

IS LIEN ON REAL ESTATE Lincoln, Neb., question whether a person against whom an alimony judgment has been rendered can give a clear title to real estate was before the state supreme

The decision, which is viewed as of outstanding importance, came up in arguments of the Landcaster county case of Lynch vs. Rohan. The decision will set a precedent to determine whether alimony judgments constitute a lien on property for future payment, when all payments to date of transfer have been kept up.

LINCOLN MAN HEADS NEBRASKA MUSIC TEACHERS

Omaha, Neb., (UP)-Albert Sievers, of Wesleyan conservatory of music, of Lincoln, was elected president of the Nebraska State Music Teachers' association here last night. C. V. Kettering, of Doane college, was named vice president and Homer Compton, of Lincoln, secretary. The next convention will be held at Lincoln.

COMMITS SUICIDE IN

HOSPITAL AT LINCOLN Lincoln, Neb., (UP)-An improvised scaffold provided almost instant death for Henry Lesoing, 85 years old, who hanged himself early this morning at the State hospital at Lincoln. Torn strips of sheets tied to a bedpost in his room were used by Lesoing. An attendant stood only a few feet distant when he closed the door and leaped from the bed.

NEBRASKA STREAMS AT FLOOD STAGE FROM RAIN

Norfolk. Neb.. A heavy rain all over north Nebraska Thursday resulted in flooding some of the roads. The ice in all of the rivers is broken un and at Verdigree an ice gorge has formed flooding the low-

TO BEGIN WORK SOON

ON PROPOSED BRIDGE Decatur, Neb., (Special)-According to Marshall Howard, engineer of the Woods Brothers corporation of Lincoln, work will start this week on the Decatur-Onawa bridge. With the passage of the Decatur bridge bill by the national house Mr. Howard stated that he would have a survey party here this week.

SAYS NEBRASKA'S FINANCIAL

SITUATION IS IMPROVED Lincoln, Neb., (UP)-State Treasurer W. M. Stepbins, told county assessors in convention in Lincoln Thursday night that Nebraska debts should be all cleared by July 1 and that there is no immediate prospect of the general fund again becoming so deeply involved as

it had during recent years. Siebbins spoke on taxation and reseasment, and brought the arsessors information concerning changes made necessary by acts of the latest legisPIERCE COUNTY WOMAN WANTS WHOLE ESTATE

(Special)-Lincoln, Neb., Irene A. McDonaio med an appeal today with the supreme court from the action of the district court of Pierce county, which denied her claim to all of the estate or her brother, Charles Gates, who died two years ago, leaving \$20,000 worth of property, and denominated her as one of the heirs only in accordance with the law of descent,

Mrs. McDonald said that she was 22 years old, in Ohio, when her brother, who never married, induced her to come to Nebraska and keep house for him. She says he promised that she should have all his property when he died. This was in 1884, and she says that she kept her bargain for years, and that in his later years her brother made his home with her in a house she owned. When he died, no will was found. and the court said that as she had not proved her contract for all of it, she could share only with the five nephews and nieces.

# **ACID THROWER MUST DO TIME**

Nebraska Court Upholds Conviction of Man Who Maimed Girl

-John Hil-Lincoln, Neb., ler, convicted in Dawson county and sentenced to from five to seven years in prison for throwing acid on the legs of Mary Ashley, a 16 year old girl, whose father had told him to stay away from their home, was affirmed by the supreme court Wednesday.

Hiller is a one armed man, 32 years old, who lived near the Ashleys and had given her some presents. His attentions and presence at the house, in the town of Cozad, was resented by the father, and Hiller moved to another part of the place. One night while Mary and her sister were going home from church, John Claus and his brother Philip, threw sulphuric acid on the girl, burning her hand and ruining her plush coat. Claus said Hiller had furnished him the acid and the syringe.

Five nights later Hiller supplied John with another syringe, and according to the boy, told him he would break his neck if he did not make a good job of it. He was to get \$30 for it. He said Hiller told him it would eat the girl's clothes off. His story was corroborated by a third boy, aside from his brother. The girl's leg was badly burned. Hiller denied the story, or that he had been around to supervise the throwing. The court says the jury did not believe him, and it sees no reason for setting aside its judgement.

HAS CROSS BETWEEN CHICKEN AND PHEASANT

(Special)-Allen. Neb., O. W. Money, of Allen is the owne. of a two-year-old hybrid chicken or bird, which is quite a curiosity. Two years ago this spring when Mr. Money's son, Allen, was ready to gather eggs from his pure bred buff chickens for hatching purposes, he culled out a whie leghorn hen and dumped her loose on the farm outside the mating pens. It was not long until she "stole" her nest in the brush. and in due time brought up a small family of chicks, among which was a peculiar stranger with all the markings of a pheasant. The white leghorn mother refused to own her odd child, which was evidently the result of mating with a pheasant cock which which made its home on the farm during the winter.

The young chick was brought to town and raised, and has since proven profitable to its owner as well as a source of much interest. The body shape is that of a pheasant hen, although it has the comb and wattles of a tame chicken. Its eyes. instead of being the usual yellow. of chickens, are black like those of its wild ancestors. Its legs are green, and the plumage greatly resembles that of the pheasant.

The bird lays eggs regularly, but has never been known to cackle. Last year Mr. Money took several of the eggs layed by this odd hen and put them with a setting of other hen eggs, but they would not

The bird is able to start from the ground and fly directly into the hav mow window about 15 feet in the

MISSING OMAHA GIRL

FOUND IN AN APARTMENT Omaha, Neb., Darinka Urosevich. 13-year-old beauty of the south side foreign colony. who left here two weeks ago, was found by detectives in an apariment house here last night.

The girl said she left home because her fath beat her. She had been living with friends. She had been the object of a statewide search.

The roung woman was found in the janitor's quarters at the apartment building. Francis Bender, 45 years old, the janitor and Eugene Crocker, 21 years old, the girls sweetheart, who brought her to the apartment, were being held for questioning. Both declared the girl had not been harmed.

MORE SMALLPOX CASES

ARE FOUND AT M'COOK McCook. Neb., (UP)-Pollowing discovery of new cases of smallpox, several of which were being concealed, it is charged, led Mc-Cook school authorities to make a complete check of school children in an effort to determine how many are immute to the disease. Unless the situation grows better, J. A. True. superintendent of schools, said a recommendation would be made to the board of education to exclude children from school who are not im-

### Army Has "Pertect Man" But Marine Lad Has"It"



GEORGE W. BRANDT

HERBERT E. SMITH

(International Newsreel and International Illustrated News) HERE'S rivalry again between the Army and the Marines-instead of between the Marines and their traditional rivals, the Navy. This time it's over the question as to which arm of the service has more of that quality denominated by Mme. Elinor Glyn as "It."

Anyway, the Army claims it has "the perfect man" in the person of Sergeant Herbert E. Smith, aged 27, of Newark, N. J. Smith, who's with the Army recruiting publicity bureau, passed a tough test covering moral, mental and physical accomplishments with a mark of 100 per cent. Smith's wife adds that she doesn't think he's exactly "perfect," but he comes near the 100 per cent. mark as a husband.

The Marines offer for your inspection Corporal George W. Brandt of Chadron, Nebraska, who is in charge of the Marine guard at the 8-4 Naval Court of Inquiry at Boston Navy Yard.

Brandt has had proposals of marriage from all over the country from girls who have seen him in the newsreels. He's not only handsome, but a mighty husky gent, too!

#### Changes in Tariff Rates Under "Flexible" System

Bulletin of Irving Trust Company. The Tariff Act of 1922 provided that the president, acting upon the basis of investigations ordered by the tariff commission may increase or decrease, by not more than 50 per cent., the rates of duty fixed in the act. Altogether, 73 investigations were ordered between March 27, 1923, and the end of 1927. Of applications for investigation received in 1927, 30 are now pending, in addition to others held over from previous years. The tariff commission requested rate increases on rag rugs, whiting, milk and cream, manganese ore and window glass. Other inquiries were ordered, based on applications for lower duties on manganese and manganese alloys, and on tomato paste. A third group of investigations was authorized, under Section 316 of the Act, to obtain protection against unfair competition in laminated sheets composed of paper or other materials, and insoluble and infusible condensation products of phenol and formaldehyde. The changes in duties proclaimed under the act

Percentage Increase Sodium nitrite ..... 50.0 Barium dioxide ..... 50.0 Butter ...... 50.0 Print rollers ..... 20.0 Methanol ...... 50.0 Gold leaf ..... 50.0 Cherries, sulphured or in brine ..... 50.0 Diethyl barbituric acid (veronal) Duty transferred to American selling price. Taximeters..... Duty trans-

follows:

Percentage Decrease Bob-white quail ...... 50.0 Paint brush handles .... 50.0 Millfeeds. bran, etc. .... 50.0 Cresylic acid ..... 50.0 Phenol ..... 50.0

manila rope and belt rope. Flood Rehabilitation Is Aided by Auxiliary

American

selling price.

Orders of exclusion have been issued on revolvers,

Indianapolis, Ind.-World war veterans made homeless by the recent flood disaster in Vermont are being given aid in the re-establishing of their homes by the American Legion Auxiliary, it has been stated at national headquarters of the auxiliary

Many veterans, some of them disabled, returned to their homes after the flood waters receded to find all their furnishings destroyed and their houses uninhabitable. Furnishings and equipment of all kinds are being

Not for the U. S.

From Tit-Bits. Magistrate: If you'll take my advice you'll drink water in the fu-Delinquent: Well, beer is three

Q. How are nistach's nuts salted in their shells? J. F. K.

A. They are prepared by boiling the whole nut in a brine water for about five minutes. When drained and cold the nuts will be found to be vovered with sally crystals

gathered by the auxiliary women to help restore their homes.

The auxiliary of New Hampshire contributed \$2,000 and the national organization added a like sum. In addition more than \$5,000 worth of material has been gathered, much of it given to the auxiliary women by merchants from their stocks.

Publicity From the Washington Star "What is your opinion of George Washington?

'Most respectful," answered Senator Sorghum, "You can't deny the prestige of a man who has succeeded in placing his picture on everything from a two cent stamp to a twenty

> Timed. From Life.

Taxicab Driver (testifying in breach of promise suit)-They only kissed once, but it was a long kiss. Lawyer-Did you time it? Taxicab Driver-Yes, sir-it was \$2.50 by the meter.

Q. Has the box left by Joanna Southcote ever been opened? H. R.

A. After 113 years, the box sealed by Joanna Southeote, sceress, was opened in London, July 11, 1927. It was found to contain only coins and other trifles.

SHOWS LOWEST PERCENTAGE OF T. B. AFFECTED CATTLE

Falls City, Neb., With the lowest tot of 28 tested counties, Richardson county took its place at the head of the group of tuberculin tested counties in Nebraska. The accredication work in Richardson county started May 31, 1927 and came to a close this week after all breed herds in the 15 precincts were tested, with only 49 herd of cattle reacting to the tuberculin tests, a percentage of approximately 20 one hundredths of one per cent.

Hog raisers in officially accredited counties receive a premium of 10 cents a hundredweight on all stock marketed that is bred and fed in the county. Statistics showed that Burt county received \$25,000 in premiums two years ago and that Gage county received \$19,000. Certificates must accompany shipments. however, if the premium is to be cal sited.

Richardson county herds that reacted to the tests are under quarantine regulations and will be until new tests can be made. Cattle found tuberculous, were slaughtered under government supervision and the owners were given salvage and indem-

Richardson county will remain accredited for three years, after which new tests will be conducted where they are deemed necessary by state and federal workers.

### WOMAN SLAYER **ASKS CLEMENCY**

Rooming House Keeper Still Maintains She Did Not Do Shooting

Lincoln, Neb. (UP)-Mrs. Ella McElhaney, serving a 30year term for the second degree murder of Earl Anderson, of Alliance, will appear before the state board of pardons and paroles at the meeting March 13. She was convicted January 6, 1921. She alleges she was attempting to take a revolver from two men who were struggling in an alley back of a rooming house kept by her. Letters and petitions have been filed on her behalf.

Dr. H. H. Christensen, of Tekamah, convicted of causing the death of Mrs. Therma Eriwine, by performing an illegal operation, asked for a parole. Conviction was in February 1924. He fled following the death of the woman and was not apprehended until February, 1926. He pleaded guilty and was given the minimum sentence of from one to 10 years.

William Jordan, of Scottsbluff, who shot and killed his soninlaw, Joseph E. Layton, asks for communitation. A life sentence was imposed October 28. 1915. The past record of the prisoner, with convictions in Oregon and Idaho, have been used against his request for release.

Fred Weitzel, formerly of Richardson county, where he was convicted of robbery and later got a new term in the penitentiary for attempting to escape by constructing a dummy, asks for a parole.

John C. Albers, of Lancaster county, serving from one to 20 years for passing small checks, asks parole. Lawrence Bolin, convicted in Buffalo county for forgery, asks for a

parole from the reformatory.

Ed Donohue, convicted in York county for forgery, asks commutation of sentence. He is in the reformatory.

RESCUES CHILD FROM DEATH IN SNOW DRIFT

Pierce, Neb.,

Chris J. Schooner of Norfolk, saved the life of Alice Nuss, 7 years old, a school girl, by rescuing her from a snow filled ditch, near the poor farm. Schnoor, accompanied by his wife and Mrs. and Mrs. Frank Vasholtz, was driving along the road when he saw the child sitting in a snow drift. He was going on, when he noticed she was crying. He stopped and tried to pick her up, but ne couldn't. He dug the snow away from her body. She was so cold that she could not talk. She is supposed to have been stuck in the drift about half an hour. Alice is the child of a widow, her

father having been shot and killed about two years ago while working in a hay meadow. Schooner thinks that the hand of fate guided him, as he had intended

not to take the side road near the poor farm, on his way to his brether's house, because it is not reuch traveled and was muddy. But as he neared the side road, something seemed to tell him to take it.

WAYNE WOMAN BORN FEBRUARY 29, 1848

Wayne, Neb. -Mrs. J. P. Lamberson, who was born February 29, 1848, observed her nineteenth birthday Wednesday at the home or her son and daughterinlaw. Mr. and Mrs. George Lamberson. In spite of four score years on this earth, Mrs. Lamberton is spry and hearty.

LONE BANDIT DOES DAY JOB IN LINCOLN Lincoln. Neb.,

lone bandit held up the Merrill Finance corporation in Lincoln shortly after noon today and escaped with \$18.69 in cash. C. E. Gibbs, the manager, was alone in the office when the robber entered, tied Gibbs' feet and departed with the contents of the cash box.

WAYNE COLLEGE CHORUS

TO GIVE CANTATA

Wayne, Neb., (Special)-Under the direction of Mrs. Bertha Calheun, of the department of music of the Wayne State Teachers college a cantala will be presented at the college auditorium next Tuesday evening March 6. The cantala, written especially for a womens' chorus, with a baritone solo, is the only choral number written by Nevin. Carl Norrbom, of gloux City, will take the baritone part and Mrs. Dorothy Glesler will be accompanist.

## LIVELY BATTLE IS STIRRED UP

Demo National Committee Job in Nebraska to Be Contested For

Bancroft, Neb., William Ritchie, Jr., or Omana, candidate for national committeeman on the democratic ticket, today wired Cordell Hull, nationall; known democratic leader, and de landed to know if it were Hull's intention to "dictate to Nebraska democrats what their action should be on local is-

Ritchie's telegram was sent after he had read Hull's letter endorsing Arthur F. Mullen, present he 1 of the party in Nebraska for re-election. Ritchie declared that he he received 1,000 more signatures on his nominating petition than Mullen did and that he had actively campaigned in 40 counties and intended to visit every county in the state before election time.

Ritchie is former state mmander of the American Legion and a first cousin of Governor Ritchie, of Maryland, a presidential possibility.

"I represent a substantial protest against local management of the party which has resulted in factional differences," Ritchie wire! Hull. Please wire me collect if it is your intention to dictate to Nebraska democrats what their action should be on local issues."

# **GUARDIAN FOR WEALTHY WIDOW**

Charge Made Executors of Large Estate Were Swindling Her

York, Neb., (UP)-A settlement out of court, satisfactory to all concerned, has been reached in the matter of the guardianship of Mrs. Elizabeth Kirby, of York, widow of Thomas J. Kirby. wealthy land owner, according to a stipulation filed in district court.

The Kirby estate, one of the richest in the county, was thrown into litigation last July by a sister of Mrs. irbyK, who contended that due to inexperience and ill health Mrs. Kirby was being defrauded of her holdings by W. H. Frost and John H. Fowler of Lincoln, executors of the estate. It was revealed that Frost and Fowler had obtained deeds to all the land and had registered them in

then heavily mortgaged. Following the suit in district courtthe land was deeded back to Mrs. Kirby, after the mortgages had been released. A second suit was filed in court asking for the appointment of a guardian for Mrs. Kirby. The lower court appointed a guardian and the district court sustained the appointment following a lengthy heear-

SIX MEMBERS OF FAMILY DOWN WITH DIPTHERIA

-One son Wahoo, Neb., is dead, and a four-month-old haby is expected to die, and five other children are sick of diptheria in the family of Mr. and Mrs. George Gustafson, one mile northeast of Wahoo. Warren Benjamin, 4 years old late Thursday.

Two older daughters, who have been working in Omaha, are in Wahoo with friends to assist the family

RUN OVER BY TRAIN.

SUSTAINS ONLY BROKEN HIP Fremont, Neb., Rier, 75 years old, escapea with a broken hip when a Burlington freight car passed over him. He fell between the wheels, but a heavy brake beam struck him, causing the injury. Rier was crossing the tracks on his way uptown when the accident occurred.

OMAHA COUPLE WEDDED

2,000 FEET IN AIR (UP)-Miss Omaha, Neb., Alice Millberger, 19 years old, became the wife of Edward Teschak, 22 years old, in an airplane 2,000 feet in the air. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. L. Stager. Five persons were in the party. Mary Millberger, a sister of the bride, acting as bridesmaid, and Charles Kenwood, pilot of the plane as best man.

SUPREME COURT RECEIVES CLAIM OF WILKINS

Lincoln, Neb., (UP)-The supreme court has recrived the \$4,-405.35 claim of State Senator George Wilkins, of Emerson, for work he performed for the state while senator. Wilkins' claim was turned down by Secretary of State Pool, because of alleged irregularity of a state senator collecting for other state duties. Litigation and publicity have been much in evidence in the four years since the claim was presented.

Silencing Him. From the London Humorist. The Club Bore—Did I ever tell you the perfectly true story of myself, my servant and the cat? Busy Reader-No. I told it to you.

MERCHANTS ORGANIZE TO

COMBAT CHAIN STORES

Norfolk, Neb., Twenty five merchants of northeast Nebraska and southern South Dakota have organized the "Associated Stores company," the object of which is to enable the owners to purchase commodities in large quantities and elfect savings thereby, and to combat Chain stores.

Frank Newlow, of Colome, S. D., was elected president of the company and P. J. Hartlieb, of Creighton, Neb.