

SLAYING SUSPECT IS FOUND NOT GUILTY

Japan May Quit League in Race Row

Envoys of Mikado Threaten to Withdraw Over England's Refusal to Modify Immigration Stand.

Crisis for Tribunal

Geneva, Sept. 27.—As the result of Great Britain's refusal to permit the question of immigration restriction to be made *casus belli* for international arbitration, Japan tonight threatens to quit the league of nations.

Great Britain's opposition was maintained despite herculean efforts by Louis Loucheur to conciliate the differences actuated by the situation of Australia and Canada, both of which have laws prohibiting the entrance of Asiatics.

Japan's contention, if admitted, says Englishmen here, would crowd Australia and British Columbia and would swell California, Washington and Oregon with Japanese and Chinese Indians.

Lord Parmoor, on behalf of the British government, formally indicated to the league council this afternoon that Japan's proposal was "absolutely inadmissible."

Shortly thereafter, a report spread that Japan might withdraw from the league.

Japan's withdrawal, caused by the inevitable injection of nationalism into the league's idealistic dream would be the first step, say observers, in the disintegration of the league. If the Japanese fulfill their threat it will certainly mean the abandonment of the world peace project, while next year's assembly may see the league narrowed down to a strictly European organization.

Late tonight the Japanese delegates were still calling to Tokio for instructions.

Chicago Man Hit in Pistol Fight

Quarrel Over Shipment of Liquor L. ds in Gun Battle in Alley Near Hotel.

By Universal Service.

Chicago, Sept. 26.—Harry J. Callan, described by the authorities as Chicago's "bootlegger de luxe," with a suite of rooms in a prominent downtown hotel, was shot and seriously wounded in a pistol battle tonight.

Callan named Leon Tarr, said to be the son of a wealthy New York milliner, as his assailant. Callan's left lung was pierced by a bullet, and the wound is declared to be serious.

The men, according to the police, quarrelled over a financial deal which they believed involved a shipment of liquor.

Callan also named Theodore Newberry, former manager of a taxicab company, and described two other men as Tarr's companions.

Search for the men named by Callan was begun. When the authorities reached Tarr's fashionable Lake Shore apartment, they found his effects packed. They took a woman who said she was Tarr's wife for questioning. Mrs. Callan also was questioned.

Callan, in telling of the attack, said Tarr had called for an appointment earlier in the day. When they met, Callan said, Tarr indicated that "he wanted a fist fight."

"I invited him into the alley and asked his companions to remain outside. They followed us, and when we entered the alley Tarr drew his revolver and opened fire. I shot back, but missed."

Otto Kalven, a park officer, attracted by the shooting, arrived in time to see Callan's assailants drive away in an automobile bearing a New York license.

Hubbell, Neb.—Threshing has started in again here, farmers who stacked their wheat two months ago now are taking advantage of the increasing price and putting their grain on the market. Several days' work at threshing is yet reported to exist in this vicinity. This station is loading out about three carloads daily now, and Williams, Reynolds and Odell, just east of here, and Byron, west of here, are all shipping wheat again at the rate of two carloads each, daily, after a month with no grain moving.

Virginia Man Did Not Know Harding Had Died

By Universal Service.

Moundville, W. Va., Sept. 6.—Fame travels slowly in the West Virginia hills.

A corps of surveyors working near Dallas today were discussing politics, and mentioned President Coolidge, when the man who employed them interrupted, asking whom they were talking about.

His question brought out the fact that he did not know that Warren G. Harding was dead.

His excuse was that he did not take a newspaper, although he admitted he could read. The land owner is wealthy, the surveyors who refused to give his name declared, but he lives in an isolated section.

Centenarian Is Gardener



John A. Breslin celebrated his 100th birthday and his wedding anniversary on the same day at New Orleans home a short time ago. He delights in gardening.

Air Leviathan Is Coming This Week

Giant Dirigible Being Groomed for Flight Across Atlantic.

Berlin, Sept. 27.—In its hangar at Friedrichshafen, the giant dirigible ZR-3 is being loaded for its flight across the Atlantic to the United States.

Dr. Hugo Eckener, builder and commander of the air Leviathan, estimates that these preparations will take five or six days, so the ship will be able to start for America the end of next week. The actual date of the start will depend on favorable weather conditions.

Dr. Eckener expects to choose the southern route because at this season the weather conditions are better there. In that case the ship would have to fly over France. It is understood here that diplomatic steps to get France's permission have already been taken by Washington.

A minute technical examination of the ship after the 35-hour test trip yesterday which covered half of the distance to America showed that ZR-3 stood the test perfectly. At the request of the American commission one of the motors will be taken completely apart to see what effect the long run had on it. No further test trips are scheduled.

If the ship does as well on its trip to America as on its latest flight, it should cover the distance to Lakehurst in about 66 hours. All who took part in the trip agree that the transatlantic flight can be made without trouble.

ADWER TALKS TO CONTINENTALS

Sixty per cent of the people of this country have defective vision, according to George C. Adwer, speaking Friday noon to members of the Continental club, in the interests of the better home lighting campaign.

Adwer stated that this nationwide campaign is promoted by the electrical industry, which has a fund of \$2,500,000 for the campaign, spreading through the country in the next few months. He explained that this is a nation of defective vision because the people are the greatest readers of the world and use more artificial light than any other nation.

At the luncheon, Lucien Stephens and Sam Deering led a home lighting contest, which resulted in a tie. Mr. and Mrs. Francis Potter played accompaniments on piano and banjo.

DEMOCRATS KILL PLANK ON LEAGUE

Concord, N. H., Sept. 26.—The democratic state convention here today refused to adopt a platform plank endorsing the league of nations, although Bainbridge Colby, secretary of state under President Wilson, had declared in his keynote speech that the national convention "made a mistake in ducking this issue." The plank provoked the only discussion in the platform.

The platform adopted scored the Ku Klux Klan by name, advocated abolition of women's poll taxes, and strict enforcement of the prohibition laws.

M. E. Mallory Leases Hotel at Tecumseh

M. E. Mallory, who has been in business in northwestern Nebraska for the past 30 years, has purchased the furniture and fixtures and taken a 10-year lease on the Hopkins hotel, Tecumseh, Neb., from Charles Woodson, proprietor. Mr. Mallory takes possession October 1, and will continue to operate the hotel on the American plan. L. A. Medlar, broker of Omaha, represented both parties in the transaction.

Youth Who Broke Neck Recovering

Boy, 16, Taken Home From Hospital—Fifth Vertebrae Fractured While Swimming in River.

Fell on Head in Mud

Newcastle, Neb., Sept. 27.—Irwin Cook, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Cook, who broke his neck swimming in the Missouri river near here a month ago, has recovered sufficiently to be brought home from the hospital.

The young man fractured the fifth vertebra when he slipped and fell on his head in the mud as he was diving from the bank into the river. Since his injury he has had a continued hemorrhage and has been in a paralyzed condition, hovering between life and death. The paralyzed condition was due to a blood clot which formed at the base of the brain.

Manifesting great powers of endurance, the youth, who was strong and healthy at the time of the accident, has improved slowly until he is able to move his arms and fingers and carry on a conversation, although at times he has been unconscious and irritable. Now there are hopes of his recovery.

Coolidge to Win, Says A. L. Mohler on Arrival Here

Former President of Union Pacific Sees Marked Improvement in Business Conditions in Omaha.

A. L. Mohler, retired president of the Union Pacific railroad, who recently was severely injured during a storm on the Atlantic ocean, arrived in Omaha Saturday and is stopping at Hotel Loyal.

Asked for opinions on the political situation, Mr. Mohler said: "I have been absent from this country about six months, but I have had an opportunity to observe conditions abroad, and conditions in the United States are so infinitely superior to those on the continent that it seems absurd for us to follow the examples of other countries."

"I haven't entirely determined in my own mind what the outcome of the national election will be, but so far as I have been able to ascertain Coolidge will be elected president of the United States. President Coolidge is sane, competent and wonderfully resourceful and Dawes is a man to be admired because, unlike many of the politicians, a microscope is not required to see what he means."

"If more politicians would follow the methods of successful business men and farmers, our country would have a much higher standard politically."

"Sees Omaha's Growth." "Omaha is fortunately located from an agricultural standpoint," he said, "and its territory has a productive capacity which adds greatly to the wealth of the nation. Moreover, Omaha has a sustained business. The fact that many important eastern wholesale houses are choosing Omaha for branch houses is an assurance of its future, for such moves are the result of intelligent and comprehensive surveys."

Five Burglaries, Holdup Staged

Air Mail Flyer's Room Is Robbed; Mason School Looted.

Five burglaries, one holdup and a number of petty thefts reported to police indicated that sneak thieves were exceptionally active in Omaha Friday night.

J. S. Pickering, Sweetwood apartments, manager of a White Castle lunch room at Twenty-fourth and Douglas streets, was held up in his restaurant at 2:30 a. m. Saturday after 3 a. m. Saturday by a gunman, who escaped with \$20 in cash.

Dean Smith, air mail flyer, living at the Comant hotel, told police that his room had been entered some time after 2 a. m. Saturday. A valuable watch and \$40 in cash was stolen.

Mason School Looted. "Eighteen pairs of women's silk hose and a ladies' coat with a white fur collar was stolen by sneak thieves who gained entrance to the home of M. Herzberg, 4910 Dodge street, by means of a pass key, he reported."

C. R. Grozier, 2117 Webster street, reported the theft of a ladies' gold watch from his room.

Thieves who broke into Mason school stole 100 electric light bulbs and a dozen silk flags, the janitor, George Crookshank, told police. This is the fifth school in the south part of the city which has been robbed of light bulbs and flags in the last two weeks.

Auto Tire Stolen. Myrtle Johns, 2427 Brown street, called police to 1713 Nicholas street after a negro who had snatched from her a purse containing \$5 ran into the house at this address. When police arrived they found that the man had apparently escaped through a rear window.

J. Bock, proprietor of a store at 1715 Dodge street, reported that thieves who entered his store Friday night had stolen a suit and a coat.

Four tires and a set of coils were stolen from a car belonging to W. A. Wallweber, 4610 South Twentieth street, as it was parked at Albright Friday night.

R. S. Bartlett, 4121 North Twentieth street, reported that a tire had been stolen from his car parked at Twentieth and Harney streets.

Nine Die in Pittsburgh "Gas" Explosion



In heart of city of Pittsburgh, Pa., tank containing 1,500 gallons of gasoline let go, killing nine and injuring 15. It rocked homes for blocks. Picture shows firemen, police and employes pulling burning truck from building.

Will of Wealthy Boston Actress Expected to Contain Surprise

New York, Sept. 26.—Who will get the \$5,000,000 estate Lotta Crabtree is believed to have left?

The famous actress died last night in Boston—her home since her retirement in 1891. She was 77.

Old timers on Broadway recall that on one gay evening, the then vivacious Lotta announced that she had no living relatives, and that Broadway would receive the greatest shock of its shocking history when her will was made public.

That moment will come next week, and probably in this city. She is to be buried here, at Woodlawn cemetery, on Sunday. She will lie in a grave next to that of her brother, Jack, who once managed her racetrack stable.

When Lotta retired 33 years ago she had the largest fortune ever accumulated by an actress—more than \$2,000,000. Lotta's mother was largely responsible for the savings. She was also responsible for Lotta's spinsterhood.

Following her retirement, Lotta's mother continued the cautious and successful real estate speculation in Boston and other large cities that they had carried on for some time. In this way the fortune was increased to a sum thought to be in excess of \$2,000,000.

Byword, even the last two generations, to whom she was only a memory, is as yet to know who will receive the \$5,000,000.

Lotta Crabtree's career was a picturesque one. Her real name was Charlotte Mignona Crabtree, and her father was a California gold prospector. In the gold rush of '49 Lotta's impromptu dancing for the miners brought her heaps of gold dust and uproarious applause. Her father took her east and her career began. He gave up further prospecting.

Freight Rates Raise Delayed

Order Gives Omaha Temporary Victory During Investigation.

Increased freight rates on livestock shipments to Omaha from southwestern points on the Rock Island railroad, which were to become effective Saturday, were suspended until January 25, by an order issued at Washington, Friday.

The order gives Omaha a temporary victory during an investigation of the proposed schedule, which may lead to a permanent order against the higher rates.

The new schedule would increase rates on Omaha shipments about 11 cents per 100 pounds, and would cause many shippers to bill their livestock to Kansas City. On carload shipments the increase would be about \$20 per car.

Following the southwestern trade trip made last spring by a number of Omaha business men, Omaha receipts of southwestern livestock have mounted rapidly, passing Kansas City receipts. This fact, it is believed, caused Kansas City to urge the higher rates which would throw the shipments to its yards.

Omaha's total receipts have exceeded Kansas City's in 1924, placing Omaha second only to Chicago in the entire country.

McMullen and Two Staunch Boosters

"When shall we three meet again?" exclaimed Adam McMullen, I. W. Miller and Mrs. E. W. Keena when a friend with a kodak recently snapped them.

"We will meet when Adam McMullen is in the state house as governor next year," replied Ike Minor, who is corresponding secretary of the Omaha lodge of Elks.

Minor has never been known to pick a loser when it came to naming the gubernatorial winner. He is backing McMullen this time for first place. Mrs. Keena also is spreading the McMullen gospel among her women friends and acquaintances.

G. O. P. Caravans Wind Up Trip in Third District

Republican Candidates Jubilant Over Prospects of Victory for Party in Houston's Territory.

By P. C. POWELL. Staff Correspondent The Omaha Bee.

Freemont, Neb., Sept. 27.—Tired and dusty but jubilant over the success of their trips, the two caravans of republican candidates arrived in Freemont late this afternoon from Hooper and ended their week's tour of the Third congressional district.

In their pilgrimages the two caravans traveled a total of 1,300 miles and the candidates have spoken to several thousands of people who gathered at street corners in the 72 towns visited.

From Freemont the candidates return to Lincoln for like trips in other parts of the state. E. C. Houston, candidate for congress in this district, who has traveled with the caravans this week, will continue to canvass his district until election day.

Houston and the other candidates of the party are expected to force nothing excepting a republican victory in the district following reports from the active republican workers with whom they have talked in the last week.

Tells of Rail Success. H. G. Taylor, candidate for railway commissioner, led the speaking in today's meeting. Mr. Taylor dwelt chiefly on the wonderful work done in the last two years through co-operation of railroads and shippers in averting freight car congestion during the harvest seasons. Mr. Taylor is chairman of the committee which has handled this task.

At Norfolk last night Adam McMullen, candidate for governor, spoke on the street first and then accepted an invitation to attend a labor union meeting presided over by Marie Weeks, Norfolk editor.

Mr. McMullen was glad to accept this invitation as the railroad problem is one with which he is exceptionally well acquainted, as his father was a locomotive engineer and his two brothers machinists.

Introduced Labor Laws. When Mr. McMullen was in the legislature he spent considerable time in introducing and promoting beneficial labor laws. He introduced and succeeded in passing the workmen's compensation law, a law removing the \$5,000 maximum liability for death of railway employes and the two-a-month pay law.

As the McMullen caravan left Norfolk this morning it was met by a delegation of Stanton citizens including Mr. and Mrs. Louis Smithberger, Andrew Spence, Mrs. John Halk, Dr. F. A. Roals, Mr. and Mrs. George Eberly, V. H. McChesney, a farmer living near Wayne, drove 15 miles to Stanton to hear Mr. McMullen talk.

At Piker, H. H. Heckendorf, Carl Gregson, Harry Blackston and August Axen were in charge of the meeting while F. W. C. Ebanes introduced the candidates at Wisner.

State Senator Henry Behrens and State Representative A. G. Burk met them at Wisner. Senator Behrens escorted the speakers to Besmer where he introduced them to a large crowd. At West Point, Herman Zepin and M. E. Kerl were in charge of the meeting.

Odell, Neb.—The C. W. Granger grocery store of this place was sold Friday to Charles Wurts of Clyde, Kan., and possession will be given at once. Granger has been operating the store here for the last two years. He has not announced what he will do in the future.

CHAMBER PLANS NEW ACTIVITIES

Activities committee of the Chamber of Commerce met Friday noon to consider a large number of suggestions on steps that can be taken by the chamber to aid the growth and prosperity of Omaha.

"We hope to select, in a series of meetings, two or three outstanding things which are needed, and then go about accomplishing them," explained Commissioner Clarke G. Powell. H. O. Wilhelm is chairman of the committee.

Ogallala Jury Frees Defendant

Jurymen Out Less Than Hour in Trial of Alex Swantowski for Murder.

Ogallala, Neb., Sept. 27.—A verdict of not guilty was returned late this afternoon in the case of Alex Swantowski, charged with the murder of John Jeffes last spring. The jury was out less than an hour.

The case went to the jury after a brilliant plea made by former Congressman Reavis in behalf of the state, in which he urged "law enforcement and protection of society" and "full recognition of circumstantial evidence."

The court room was crowded all day by "court fans" and attaches listening to the pleas of defense and the state. It was said that only one ballot was taken.

SLAYER'S MOTHER PLEADS FOR FUNDS

Chicago, Sept. 27.—The mother of Walter Krauser, who has taken an appeal from a death sentence for slaying a policeman during a holdup.

Friday sent a letter to the mother of Richard Loeb, one of the slayers of young Robert Franks, now serving a life term in prison, asking Mrs. Loeb to aid in securing psychiatrists for Krauser's defense so that he may obtain a mitigation of sentence.

Krauser was convicted with Bernard Grant, 19, of killing a Chicago policeman during a holdup. Grant had been sentenced to hang October 17, but as the result of thousands of pleas for clemency that poured in after Loeb and Nathan Leopold were sentenced he was given a 90-day reprieve.

LIMESTONE FOR HIGHWAY PAVING

With the prospect of Nebraska working out a hard-surfaced highway program, interest in one of its natural materials, such as limestone, is pertinent at this time.

It is now being used extensively in all forms of concrete construction and the use of limestone for surfacing concrete, driveways and walks is rapidly developing.

Limestone broken into pieces one inch in size when used with its finer particles, including dust, makes a smooth, hard surface, due to the high cementing quality of the dust.

There are seven Nebraska limestone quarries operating to supply commercial demand. At present most of the stone is being quarried in the Louisville (Neb.) district.

BLOWOUT BLAMED IN DOUBLE CRASH

The sudden blowout of a front tire on a truck belonging to the Continental Furniture company, Council Bluffs, caused the truck to swerve and strike two cars parked against the curb, Sunday.

Austin Eshorn reported to police Friday afternoon. The cars were only slightly damaged, Eshorn said.

Harold Larsen, 25 Gould avenue, reported to police that an unidentified motorist struck his car from the rear where it was parked at Tenth street and First avenue. The other driver escaped before Larsen, who was sitting in his car, could obtain the license number. Larsen's car was badly damaged.

BORGLUM LOOKS OVER BLACK HILLS

Rapid City, S. D., Sept. 27.—Gutzon Borglum, noted American sculptor, engaged in executing a memorial to the confederacy at Stone mountain, near Atlanta, Ga., was in the Black Hills today to investigate the possibilities of a national memorial here on a scale similar to the Stone mountain project, and has expressed a belief that rock formations about Harney peak, near here, make it an ideal site for such a project.

W. C. T. U. HEAD'S FATHER IS DEAD

Shenandoah, Ia., Sept. 27.—James C. Perley, 74, died Friday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. D. C. Reynolds, state chairman of the W. C. T. U. publicity work.

Mr. Perley's home was at Elliott, Ia., but he has been ill here 11 weeks. Two sons, Dr. E. J. Perley of Griswold and D. C. Perley of Elliott also survive. Funeral services will be held Sunday at Elliott.

Telephone Manager's Wife Listened In, Merchant Says

Lincoln, Sept. 27.—The state railway commission today requested that it make answer to the complaint filed with the commission by F. R. Schroeder, a merchant. Mr. Schroeder says the wife of the manager of the company, working in the place of the regular operator, listened in on a conversation over the wire and then made use of the information thus secured.

The Weather

For 24 hours ending 7 p. m., September 27, 1924.

Relative Humidity—Percentage.	7 a. m.	10 a. m.	1 p. m.	4 p. m.
Precipitation—Inches.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 24 hours.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Moisture—Inches.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Temperature—Degrees.	64	68	72	76
Wind—Direction.	W	W	W	W
Force—Miles per hour.	10	12	15	18
Barometer—Inches.	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0