

Capitol Tunnel Mystery Solved

Washington Entomologist Declares He Dug Passageway for Pastime.

Washington, Sept. 27.—The "baffling mystery" of the labyrinth of underground passageways discovered last Wednesday in an exclusive residential section of the capital, a neighborhood of embassies and costly mansions, has been solved. Harrison G. Dyar, a quiet and unassuming entomologist in the Smithsonian institution, put an end to feverish speculations that ran the gamut from German spies to bootleggers, conspirators and what not, when he told a newspaper reporter he dug the passage ways for recreation after office hours.

Good Exercise.
"Digging tunnels after work is my hobby; there's really no mystery about it," Mr. Dyar was quoted as saying when he rather reluctantly told the story to quiet the agitations of the imaginative, which have been filling the local press ever since the wheels of a motor truck sank through a crust of earth and revealed the tunnels.

The scientist explained that he found cave digging a helpful form of exercise as well as an entertainment for his young son. The passage ways, on which he worked for a period of about 10 years, were now nearly 10 years old, he said, having been constructed on property he owned in the rear of a house from which he has since moved.

Mr. Dyar had no explanation for the presence in the tunnels of German newspapers which bore dates in 1917 after his disposal of the property and which gave the chief impetus to the German spy theory.

COOLIDGE-DAWES CLUB AT VALLEY

Despite a drenching downpour of rain, more than 50 enthusiastic republicans were present Friday night at the organization meeting of the Valley (Neb.) Coolidge-Dawes club.

Congressman W. G. Sears and State Representative James Rodman of Omaha were the principal speakers at the meeting.

Mons Johnson, Valley, was elected president of the club. Other officers are Mrs. E. E. Mulholland, first vice president; L. Coy, second vice president; Mrs. F. H. Whitmore, secretary, and T. F. Green, treasurer.

It was reported at the meeting that a straw vote taken at the recent Fairbury fair showed that Coolidge had a two-thirds majority among the voters at the fair.

HEIRS LOSE SUIT FOR TAX REFUND

Inheritance tax cannot be avoided by giving property to legatees three weeks before death, Federal Judge J. W. Woodrugh ruled Friday in denying the suit of Pohlman against United States, in which a tax refund of \$5,000 was sought.

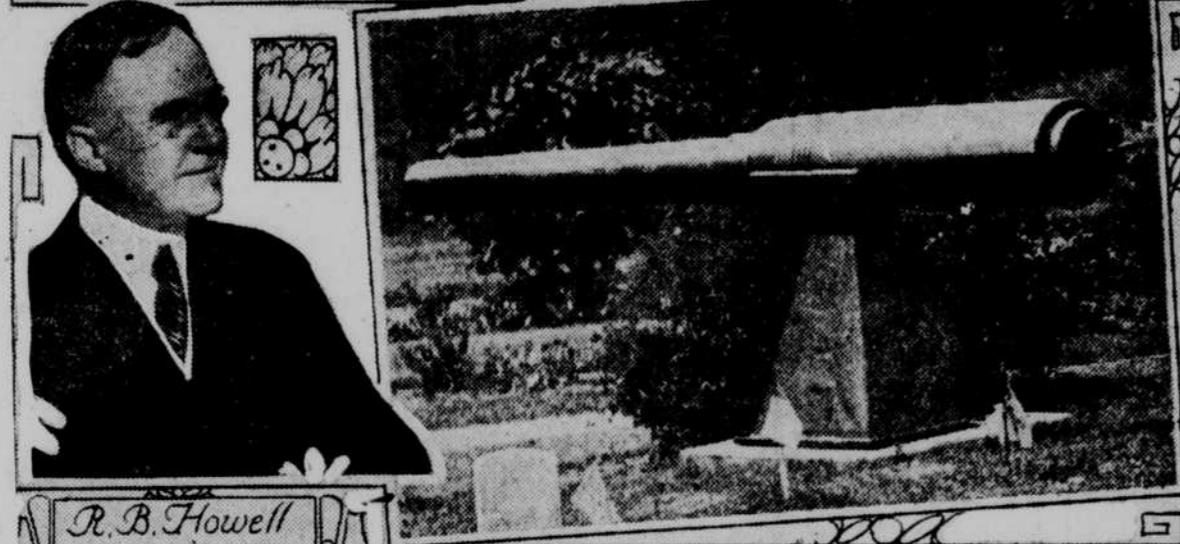
Pohlman, according to testimony, transferred property valued at \$250,000 to his children three weeks before he died, in accordance with an oral agreement to do so when they became of age. Judge Woodrugh held that the father was the sole owner of all property accumulated before the children became of age and that the transfer contract was not binding upon him. The tax payment will stand.

4 ARRESTED FOR PARKING WRONG

Three motorists were arrested Friday afternoon for violation of the city ordinance which prohibits parking on Scott and South Main streets, Council Bluffs. The ordinance has been generally ignored by motorists for many months, but Chief of Police Gillaspay has announced that it will be strictly enforced in the future.

Those arrested Friday by Motor cycle Officer Walter Brown were Floyd Abel, James Mulqueen, and Emerson Lueke.

Cannon Guard for Graves of Spanish War Vets



Senator R. B. Howell will deliver the principal address Sunday at the dedication of two six-inch cannons, which have been secured by the Spanish-American war veterans to guard over the graves in their plot at West Lawn cemetery. The two guns, which are of a naval type manufactured by the United States government during the late war, are mounted on the hillside and command the entrance of the cemetery. The exercises will open with the singing of "America." Senator Howell's speech will be followed by addresses by Leo Rozell, commander of Omaha post American Legion; N. J. Damon of the S. W. V. auxiliary; Orion Showalter of the Sons of Spanish War Vets; W. A. Wisenand, commander of Spanish War Veterans camp; Alfred Aldren, keeper of records, and B. J. Newton.

Taps will be blown and a salute fired, concluding the ceremonies. The movement to obtain the cannons for the Spanish War Veterans' plot was started 15 years ago by the late Perry J. Miller, commander of Lee Forby camp. Since then the

U. S. Interested in Jap Refusal

Nippon's Intention Is to Keep Immigration Question Alive.

By GEORGE K. HOLMES, International News Service Staff Correspondent.

Washington, Sept. 27.—Japan's dramatic refusal to join with the other world powers at Geneva in adopting the league of nations' new peace system met a twofold interpretation in government circles here today.

(1) It served as an ominous reminder that the barring of Japanese immigrants by the United States is still ranking in Tokio.

(2) It constituted a form of notice that Japan does not intend to allow the league to tie its hands in China, should developments in that tumultuous country reach a stage where Tokio might consider it expedient to "intervene."

Officials of this government today were primarily interested in the first explanation of Japan's surprising refusal to sign the arbitration protocol. Japan has made no secret of its intention of keeping the immigration question alive. It is an issue of tremendous popularity with the Japanese masses and one which above all others is calculated to keep public sentiment in Nippon aroused to the boiling pitch where the United States is concerned. Nothing that has ever occurred in the relations of the two countries has knit the nation more toward "hating America" than the

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE IN TEXAS

By International News Service.

Houston, Tex., Sept. 27.—In a new epidemic of the dreaded hoof and mouth disease among Texas cattle herds a quarantine was placed today in Harris county which prohibits even the movement of vehicular traffic.

Other adjoining counties may be placed in quarantine later today in order to prevent the spread of the disease.

Louisiana and Oklahoma state sanitary officials have taken steps to stop the movement of livestock from this state through their territory.

Henry Ford has started a spirited discussion as to what constitutes a New England breakfast. We vote for ham and eggs as the piece de resistance.—Concord Monitor.

Father Finds Body of Son

Bullet Hole in Young Hunter's Head; Shooting Thought Accidental.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. South Auburn, Neb., Sept. 27.—Paul Tucker, 25, living with his parents on a farm between Brock and Julian, was found dead, with a bullet

hole through the right side of his head, near the corn crib on the farm Friday night.

He left the house at 11 in the morning, telling his mother he was going hunting. Nothing was thought of his failure to come to dinner.

The body was accidentally discovered by his father and there was no indication of his having gone hunting.

Whether the automatic rifle he was carrying was accidentally discharged or it was a case of suicide is unknown. He had complained of severe pains in the head for some time past. Tucker was highly thought of in his community and was unmarried.

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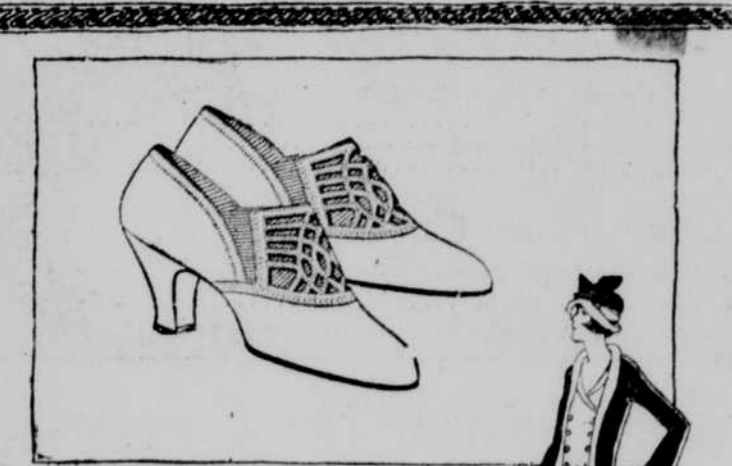
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