

It may make a difference to all eternity whether we do right or wrong today.—James Freeman Clarke.

# WIFE ACCUSES RIVAL; COLLAPSES

## Bribery in Forbes Case Impossible

Defense Counsel Tells Jury Payment of \$5,000 Was Not Physically Possible; Both Sides Outlined.

## High Officials to Stand

Chicago, Nov. 26.—Outlines of the testimony for prosecution and defense were laid before the jury today in the trial of Charles R. Forbes of Seattle and John W. Thompson of St. Louis on a charge of defrauding the government in the awarding of contracts for veterans' bureau hospitals in 1922.

Forbes and Thompson, with three others, planned to divide more than \$1,000,000 of the \$17,000,000 authorized by congress for these hospitals. It was asserted by John W. H. Crim, special assistant attorney general, in his opening statement to the jury.

Defense Outlined. Col. James S. Easby-Smith, Forbes' counsel, countered with the defense outline, in which he asserted that only three of the 32 alleged overt acts in the fraud indictment could possibly be considered even suspicious, and he indicated that high army and navy officials would testify that the contracts involved in one of these three transactions were awarded at their direction.

Another alleged overt act, the furnishing of advance information to Thompson's contracting firm, Colonel Easby-Smith said, involved information which had been widely printed a week before it was supposed to have been secretly given to Thompson. The third act, the alleged \$5,000 payment to Forbes indirectly by Thompson, would be shown to be "a physical impossibility."

The testimony of Eliza H. Mortimer of Philadelphia and Washington, it was indicated by Crim, formed the ground work of the government's case. Mortimer, Crim said, was "the paid informant of the government" in the alleged conspiracy. Charles P. Cramer, general counsel for the Veterans' bureau under Forbes, and James W. Black, Thompson's partner, the others are now dead.

The government's testimony was given only in brief summary but the defense Forbes will offer was elaborated in great detail by Colonel Easby-Smith, who was only half through when court adjourned for the Thanksgiving day recess until Friday morning.

"Wholesale Bootlegger." Mortimer, who was described by the government counsel as "the paid informant," was pictured by Colonel Easby-Smith as "a wholesale bootlegger who testified he had received \$100,000 for his part in the illegal withdrawal of 4,000 cases of whiskey at Pittsburgh in 1919."

Forbes met Mortimer through mutual acquaintance with the Harding family. Colonel Easby-Smith continued, President Harding's sister, Mrs. Caroline Wyatt, introducing him to Mrs. Mortimer, and the latter introducing her husband. Mrs. Mortimer, who was Miss Talleg of Philadelphia, had long been friends of the Harding family, and the defense indicated she would be one of their chief witnesses. The Mortimers accompanied Forbes on the trip to the Pacific coast described when the senate committee investigated the Veterans' bureau and which formed the principal part of the material for the indictments.

On this trip, Crim declared, it would be shown that Mortimer signed a \$15,000 note to Thompson and gave Forbes \$5,000 of it. It was this payment, Colonel Easby-Smith declared, that defense testimony would show "a physical impossibility."

## Man Fined \$2,000 on Bootlegging Charge

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Sidney, Neb., Nov. 26.—George Ayres of Broadwater was fined in district court today \$2,000 and a 60-day sentence for bootlegging. Ayres pleaded guilty and Judge Barron gave him the maximum fine. A complete still was found under the defendant's home and 50 gallons of mash were confiscated.

## We Have With Us Today

Charles H. Ingraham, Jeweler and Optometrist, Menomonee, Wis. For 17 years the conductor of the Ludington Guard military band at Menomonee, Mr. Ingraham has carved himself a niche in the musical heart of Wisconsin.

He is a past president of the Menomonee Chamber of Commerce and past president of the Wisconsin State Optometrists' association. During the war he served as overseas Y. M. C. A. secretary. Mr. and Mrs. Ingraham are in Omaha to spend Thanksgiving with Mrs. Lee Edwards, sister of Mrs. Ingraham. While in Omaha Mr. Ingraham visited the Rotary club, of which he is a member at Menomonee.

## Posse Searches Without Result for Boy Bandit

Youth Who Dove From Train Window to Freedom Eludes Officers Despite Manacled Hands.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Belle Plain, Ia., Nov. 26.—Armed posses, seeking Jay Graham, 20, near here after his daring escape from a Chicago & Northwestern train Tuesday, had found no trace of the fugitive late tonight.

The youth, on his way to the Anamosa penitentiary to serve a term of 25 years for robbery, his hands manacled, his body torn and bruised as a result of his leap from the train, has disappeared as completely as though the ground had opened and swallowed him. No farmer has found anything about his place out of order. None has been solicited for food or tools with which to cut the chilled steel bands from the fugitive's wrists.

Graham's flight from the law here Tuesday afternoon about 4:30. He was on his way to prison, a sentence hanging over his head which, when served, would leave him a man past the prime of life. Deputy Sheriff L. H. Bird, Council Bluffs, was in charge of the youth at the time of his escape.

"Can't Go Far." The prisoner, soon after the train passed Belle Plain, went into the lavatory. There he found an open window. His shackled wrists apparently hampered him but little for he dove through the window, rolled into the ditch, leaped to his feet and fled.

By the time Bird was aware of the escape Graham was too far from the train to halt. The officer continued on to Cedar Rapids, 40 miles away, where he notified authorities and began a search of the district. Capt. L. S. Morrison of the Cedar Rapids police, declared that he believed Graham would be retaken in a very short time.

"He can't go far," the captain said. "Those handcuffs will mark him and he will have a lot of trouble getting rid of them." But the captain's prophecy had not been fulfilled tonight. Graham, members of the posse believe, still wears his shackles and his hiding in corn fields, waiting for darkness to hide his movements when he begins to flee further from the scene of his escape.

Marshal W. D. Sump of Belle Plain and his deputy, Nile Mozena, have formed one posse which is trailing, attempting to trail the young crook. Handcuffs Will Stop Him. "I don't know just where it was that he escaped from the train," Sunil said today. "That makes things a little hard but we are working and if we can ever find his trail we'll find him."

"The boy can't go far after he leaves this vicinity in my opinion. There is a lot of cover for him here and he can hide almost indefinitely. The corn fields, turnip fields and hen houses should furnish him enough food to live on. It's just getting rid of those handcuffs which will bother him."

"Once let him saw or chisel those off and he will be able to go almost anywhere he wants." Graham's case was one of the most speedily handled in the annals of Council Bluffs. He committed his crime Sunday, was sentenced Monday and started for prison Tuesday.

## SCHOOL TEACHER WEDS PUPIL, 17

Canby, Ore., Nov. 26.—The school head of Canby will meet this week to decide what to do about the scandalous marriage of a teacher and a pupil. Lee Shaw, 27, high school teacher, who on November 10 married Clifford Leroy Samuelson, 17, a student in high school and known as "the best boy in his class."

The marriage, at Vancouver, Wash., was kept secret until yesterday. On this trip, Crim declared, it would be shown that Mortimer signed a \$15,000 note to Thompson and gave Forbes \$5,000 of it. It was this payment, Colonel Easby-Smith declared, that defense testimony would show "a physical impossibility."

New Bill Would Prevent Income Tax Publicity. Washington, Nov. 26.—The first concrete move to prevent publication of income tax returns was made by Representative Watson, Republican, Pennsylvania, who said he would introduce a bill to eliminate from the present tax law that portion covering publication of the amount of tax paid by each person.

Rum Ship Missing. New York, Nov. 26.—Eleven members of a rum runners' crew, their boat and its \$400,000 whiskey cargo, are believed to have been lost in one of the storms that swept the Atlantic recently.

## Posses Seize 2 Men Feud Deaths

Double Murder in California Result of Controversy of 20 Years' Standing, Sheriff Believes.

Bakersfield, Cal., Nov. 26.—Posses of deputy sheriffs and mountaineers today are combing the Kernville district, 60 miles northeast of Bakersfield, in an effort to locate "Tex" Roland and Thomas Walker or their bodies as an aftermath of the shooting to death of Newt Walker and Frank Murdock at Walker's cabin Monday night.

Investigation, the sheriff's office announced, established that Newt Walker and Murdock were killed by another man or men. Walker was found on the doorstep of his cabin and Murdock's body was found 50 feet from the cabin. Murdock had been shot with a revolver held close to his head, evidently after being felled by a blow over the right eye with the butt of a gun.

Authorities believe that the double murder is a result of a feud of 20 years' standing in the Kernville district. Roland's clothes were in his cabin, near that of Walker, and it is thought that Roland and Tom Walker may also have been killed and their bodies concealed.

In Walker's cabin deputies found a rifle at the head of Walker's bed and three revolvers under his pillow. Later, after the three revolvers had been examined, one of them disappeared and had not been found. A fourth revolver was found 20 feet from Murdock's body, and in the ground, under his head, through which the bullet passed, was found a .38 caliber bullet. There were no shells in the revolver found near Murdock's body.

## AMERICAN BEATEN IN MEXICAN JAIL

Juarez, Mex., Nov. 25.—American and Mexican officials today joined in an investigation of the fight in the Juarez jail yesterday which resulted in severe injuries to three Americans. The three, Harry L. Rogers, Washington, D. C., newspaper man and two unidentified men today were hovering between life and death, their skulls crushed open. Rogers, physicians said, probably will die.

According to Mexican police, Rogers and his two companions were dragged into unconsciousness by John Doble, an American, said to be a narcotic addict, while they were asleep on the floor of a jail cell in which all four had been lodged, Rogers on a charge of intoxication. Doble, crazed by drugs, authorities say, called loose an iron bar and started his unprovoked attack upon his cellmates.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Sturgis, S. D., Nov. 26.—John Mahaffy, accused of killing Albert Campbell last June, faced a judge in district court here today, the first day of his trial. The jury which listened to the evidence in the case and which will determine Mahaffy's innocence or guilt, was selected during the morning.

The killing of which Mahaffy is accused happened near Marcus, in Meade county. Mahaffy pleads self-defense. Mahaffy has retained two attorneys to plead his case, while the state has three attorneys handling the prosecution. The remainder of the week will be devoted to the taking of testimony in the case.

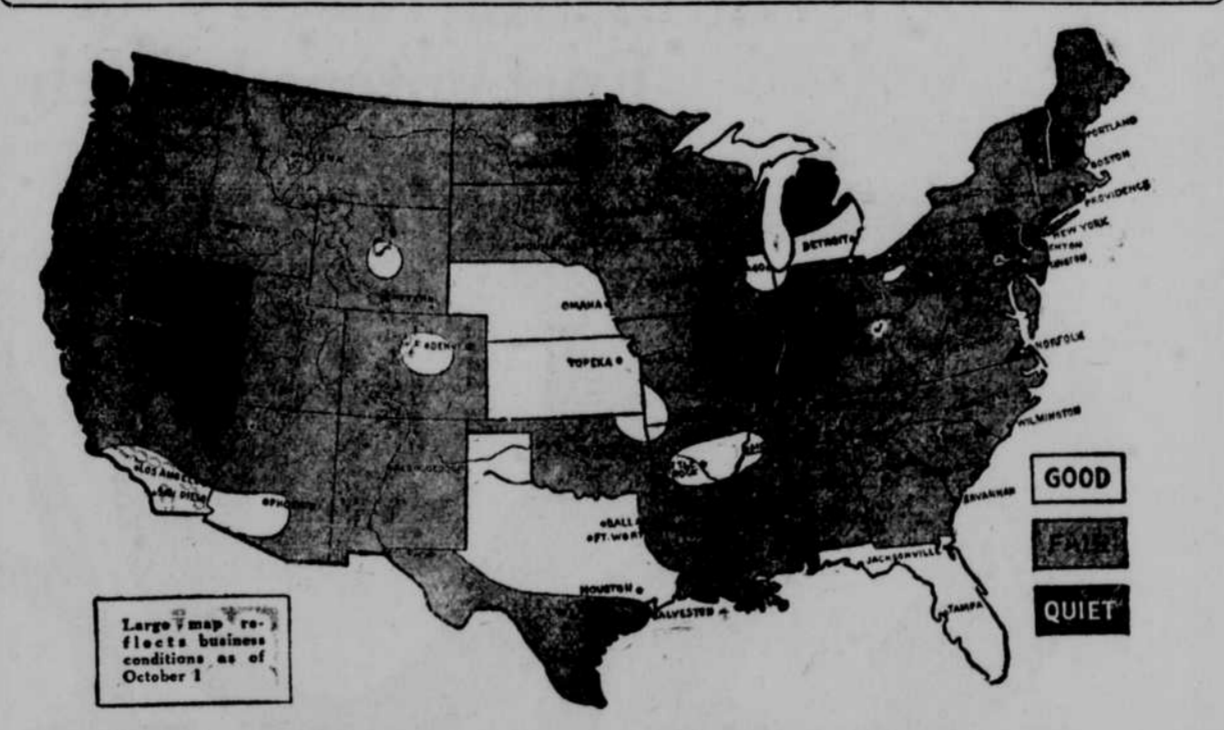
## FORMER RAILROAD DETECTIVE SLAIN

Xenia, O., Nov. 25.—Charles MacKrodt, former lieutenant of police in the department of the Pennsylvania Railroad company, with headquarters here, was shot and killed today by the man he blamed for his recent demotion.

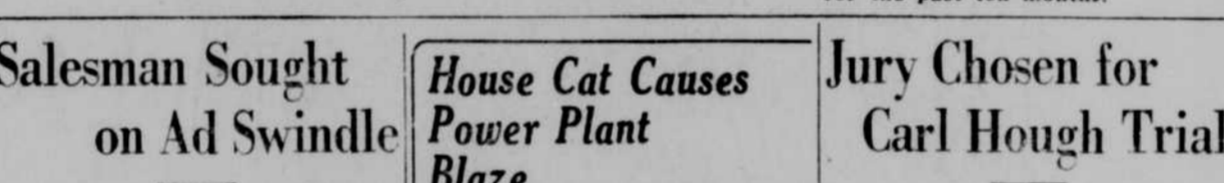
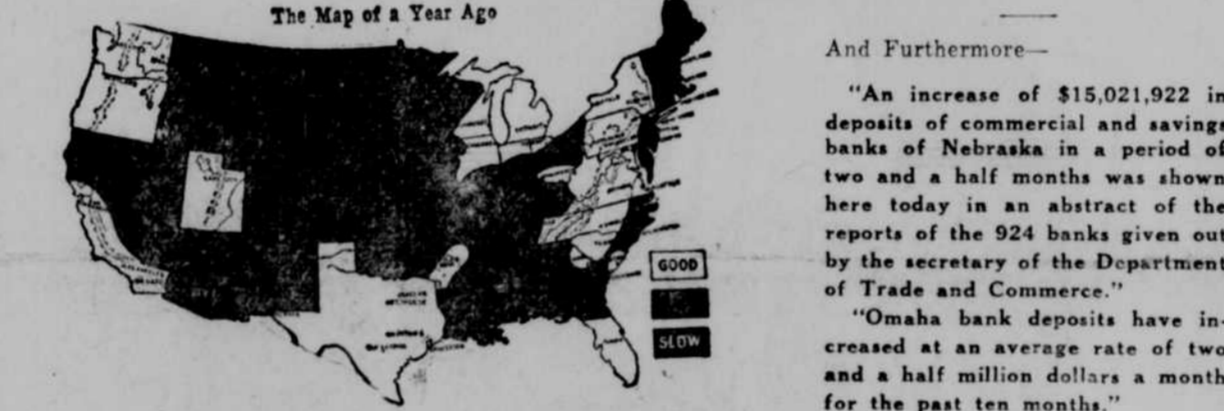
The shooting was done by Charles Lattimer, another member of the railroad police department, who surrendered. The affray was witnessed by many people on the streets opposite the courthouse.

Police Fund Short. Chicago, Nov. 26.—Discrepancies amounting to approximately \$120,000, according to J. L. Jacobs, expert accountant reporting to the city council police committee, have been uncovered in the police pension fund from 1921 to 1923.

## Nebraska Has Come Back



Regarding the changes in map colorings shown in September of August, it will be noted that the most marked lightening effects are visible in the case of NEBRASKA. In NEBRASKA a good wheat crop sold at high prices, plus a corn crop 80 per cent free of frost, has stimulated trade. Here, however, as in the states north and south from NEBRASKA, the trade expansion has been cautious, perhaps the safer for this fact.



And Furthermore—An increase of \$15,021,922 in deposits of commercial and savings banks of Nebraska in a period of two and a half months was shown here today in an abstract of the reports of the 924 banks given out by the secretary of the Department of Trade and Commerce.

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## Nebraska Has Ample Cause for Rejoicing

\$500,000,000 Worth of Crops, Livestock and Produce Total Yield in State This Year.

Nebraska is enjoying exceptionally good business health at this season of Thanksgiving and may be expected to enjoy this great national holiday with all that it stands for, and pertains to it.

Recognition of Nebraska's good fortune is given in "The Nation's Business," a magazine devoted to reviewing commercial and industrial economics and its trend. In the November issue that magazine publishes the accompanying map which indicates that Nebraska stands out among the states in attaining a general, statewide condition of business prosperity which testifies to the stability of this agricultural state.

In a review of business conditions of Nebraska, the bureau of publicity of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce finds several reasons why Nebraska holds this position as a leader in prosperity, but basic to them all are bountiful crops and the better farm prices prevailing.

\$500,000,000 in Crops. Farm products this year will bring Nebraska's farmers more than \$500,000,000, and the seven principal crops alone, corn, wheat, oats, rye, barley, hay and potatoes, it is estimated, will net a farm revenue of \$323,697,000. Although the 1924 corn crop is estimated at but 196,000,000 bushels as compared to 272,052,000 bushels last year, the revenue from it to Nebraska's farmers will be \$170,000,000 this year as compared to but \$144,158,000 in 1923, due to the higher prices now prevailing.

As one of the leading furage producing states, Nebraska each year has hay crops that run into millions of dollars. This year, however, its hay fields exerted themselves extraordinarily and furnished more than 5,500,000 tons of tame and wild hay. This crop is valued at \$61,400,000 by conservative estimates and surpasses last year's crop by more than 1,000,000 tons and \$22,200,000.

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## Fee Inquest Marked by Dramatics

Girl Employee of Slain Banker Was Cause of Domestic Discord for Seven Years, Mate Says.

San Bernardino, Cal., Nov. 26.—Sworn testimony of two women, one the widow, the other the business associate and friend of William R. Fee, banker of San Gabriel and Alhambra, Cal., whose body was found in Lytle Creek canyon in the mountains back of here yesterday, clashed today at the inquest here on Fee's body.

Mrs. Fee, replying to a question as to whether there had been unpleasantness between her and her late husband over Miss Mary Watkins, said: "Yes, at different times in the last seven years."

Death Caused by Blow. Mrs. Fee testified in front of Miss Watkins on leaving the witness stand, from which she had charged the girl with coming between husband and wife.

Autopsy surgeons told the coroner today that Fee's death was caused by a blow on the head from some blunt instrument and by strangulation. Searchers declared that they had previously searched the spot where the body was found and that it was not there Sunday or Monday, although it was found there Tuesday.

Miss Watkins testified today that she went to her cabin Monday night because she had been told she was "suspected of having taken him (Fee) from the canyon Sunday night."

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The Weather. For 24 hours ending 7 p. m., November 26. Total inches and hundredths, Total 8. Total since January 1, 25.31. Efficiency 82.5.