Detective Chief Falls While

Leading Men in Gun Battle;

Burning Rags Thrown on Roof of Building to Drive Out Negro Ac-

cused of Attacking Girl; Tear Bombs Are Hurled Into

Four-Room Structure.

ANOTHER OFFICER SLIGHTLY WOUNDED; VEST SAVES HIM

By GENE ROUSE.

gun battle since the 1919 courthouse riots, lies at Nicholas Senn hospital fighting for his

life. He was wounded leading his men on a barricaded negro at 118 South /Twenty-

moment after he had arrived with two emergency carloads of police and detectives to

aid Detectives Palmtag, Nelson, Hughes and Summitt in the arrest of the negro, charged

Newly appointed Chief of Detectives Ben Danbaum, wounded in Omaha's bloodiest

Danbaum was wounded by a charg of buckshot fired by Frank Mylar, negro,

Police Fire Kills Desperado

Speaking of grudges; let the other fellow stew. You keep sweet. Noth-

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Incensed over the resist-

ance offered by the negro to

arrest by Detectives Palmtag

and Nelson, Danbaum arrived

"Get him!" he shouted to

Detectives Ryan and Sum-

mitt and Emergency Officer

Frank Lambert followed their

chief to the rear of the house

in which the negro was barri-

"Break those windows," shouted

Danbaum Falls.

Ryan broke one in the rear facing

Hardly had the glass crashed than

the roar of gunfire came from the

"I glanced up," said Ryan, "and

there in full length in the half opened

door I saw the form of the negro.
"I almost screamed "Duck, chief,

duck,"' when I saw Danbaum fall.

"I started to his side but turned as

saw the negro swing his gun in my

direction. I let him have three charge

from my riot gun. He replied with

one. I felt a sting in my stomach

below by steel chest protector

and just then Detective Summitt'

Pull Him Out of Danger.

"Get Danhaum out of here," Sum-

"I grabbed Ben by the shoniders.

He was bleeding and seemed to choke

as he tried to speak. Lambert grabbed

his feet and I saw Summitt reach for

my discarded riot gun on the ground.

We carried Danbaum to a waiting

riot car and rushed him to Lord Lis-

ter hospital. There I found I was

not injured except from a shot in the

stomach, which just penetrated the

George Summitt, recently deposed

acad of Omaha's police morals squad

arrived at the scope with Detectives

Fielding and Hughes upon call for

the front door and called on the negr

Two Have Narrow Escape.

door, said Summitt, and in response

to my "Throw up your hands," he let

side of the house, and pierced the

equal police ranged themselves at

wantage points up and down Twenty

alles at the rear of the besieged

from a second-story window at the rear of the house next door south

Police Mechanic Ted Hansen hurled

Hughes, who retreated to the sor

"He was just inside the kitcher

With Hughes, Summitt kicked in

help from Nelson and Palmtag.

to surrender.

Ryan returned to the scene later.

west, Lambert the other at the side

of the house facing south.

at the scene of the battle.

to his men.

caded.

Cold Wave Holds City in Icy Grip

Temperature Falls to 6 Below: Relief Predicted for Some Sections of Nebraska.

Bluffs Courts Closed

"Snow and colder," said Meteorolo gist M. V. Robins. He was right.

Right as far as Omaha was con cerned at any rate. The snow came driven by a sharp cold wind and the mercury began to fall.

From two degrees above zero at in the morning Thursday the mercury sank to two degrees below zero himself armed with a double barreled by 8. It held at this point until late shotgun, a 32-20 revolver and threat-

Station 7 a.m.
Cheyenne, snow -12
Daivenport, sleet 14
Denver, snow 4
Des Moines, snow 2
Lander, clear -26
N th Platte, snow -10
Puenlo, cloudy -2
Ranid City, clear, -12
Salt Lake, clear 8
Santa Fe, part cloudy 22
Sheridan, clear -18
Sloux City snow -10
Valentine, cloudy -10

About 4 it again began its downward course and by 8 Thursday evening it had ropped to slightly more than six degrees below zero. The wind and the snow continued throughout the night.

Wire Trouble Develops. Trouble was reported from man;

sections with communication lines Members Will Be Banqueted which were snapped by the cold. Mr. Robins predicted some relief for a portion of Nebraska Thursday night and today but Omaha was not listed among these sections, For that point continued cold and snow were predicted

The snow fall throughout the day was not heavy. It was steady and Members of the championship dry and drifted before the wind into judging team of the University of each crack and cranny almost as Nebraska, entertained at the South fast as it fell.

Nebraska, entertained at the South of the local postoffice we are wasting riers.

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Employes at the county courthouse nesday, are to be invited to come in Council Bluffs were greeted by again to Omaha this time as guests Jury Finds for Thursday morning. in Council Bluffs were greeted by again to Omaha this time as Thursday morning. Down in the basement a gasket

had blown out of a pipe in the heat-Nebraska cannot afford to pass up ing plant. The basement was flood- the opportunity of having the team ed with water and the upper halls here as guests of the entire city. The with steam. The plant had to be formal reception given by the live Declares Him Not Guilty of First of State Functions of room

Janitor Burned.

James Miller, janitor, suffered pain- ever, as Everett Buckingham put i ful burns about the hands, when he at the stockyards banquet, "this year attempted to turn off the feed pipes we have more than our usual amount to the radiators. this year is not only a championship

Two district court juries were dismissed for today because of the cold. The biting cold contracted tele that all that Nebraska can do wil graph wires until they broke along not be too much, say those boost the lines between Omaha and Chicago ing the proposition to bring them to carly in the evening. The Universal Service lines were down early.

In the Rocky mountain district two at all of America's great livestock fatallities were reported due to the shows by Prof. W. W. Derrick and storm. The cold and snow continued his select team of student judges is to hold that district in its grasp, de- not a university proposition, but laying trains and paralysing tele- rather it is a reflection of the great-

A blizzard swooped down on Be-strength," declared Prof. Howard J atrice and Gage county late in the Gramlich, in his address at the stock day. The fall of snow was reported as yards banquet." The very fact tha heavy and was accompanied by a this team has won more honors than three degree below zero temperature. has ever before been possible makes Salt Lake City reported cold but the work of vital interest to the enclear weather. The mercury was flirt- tire state. ing about the 25 degree below zero

mark and trains were delayed be- were very warm in their praise of the cause of the cold. Gas Shortage at Casper. At Casper, Wyo., reported a gas but rather an affair which will long

shortage as a result of the cold continue to be cited as one of Nebrasweather. The oil fields were depend- ka's demonstrations of superority ent upon waste paper and boxes for along the lines of producing real fuel when the liquid in the shallow farmers. laid gas lines froze and stopped the passage of the gas.

There are 10,000 persons living in in a four course of animal husban-The "Il districts who are dependent dry at one of our large universities. upon gas for fuel, Schools were dis- said Bruce McCullough, editor of the missed and every odd and end of Journal Stockman, "it takes some wood, paper or anything else com-thing more than ability to appreciate bustible was pressed into service to good animal form. In other words

you Nebraska boys who have won Greater damage to the fruits was this year's honors at all the big avertied by keeping a constant watch shows are living examples of what over the smudge pots in the groves, heredity will do. You have been born

We Have With Us Today

Prof. Edward P. Warner, Massachusette Institute of nology, Boston, Mass.

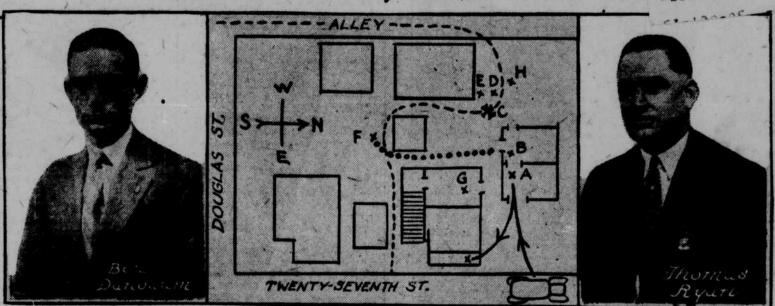
Professor Warner is one country's best known consulting engineers of aeronautics. He has ven teaching at Massachusetts Tech for

He is on the advisory body of the air mail service and came to Omaha to be present at the monthly meeting of the air mail superintendents. Prior to his teaching at Tech he did research work for the national advisory committee of Aeronautics at Langley field, Virginia.

of the idea Indicate that the hot lunch Professor Warner sees a great fuplan has been favorably received. ture in trans-Atlantic air passenger service. In this country it will only be a short while, he believes, that all Important citles of the country will linked together by air lines.

He predicted that in a few years

Detective Chief Critically Wounded in Gun Battl AND AIND SOS TYSI



house in which Mylar had barracaded ened to kill any one who approached within gun range after police had attempted his arrest late Thursday.

A designates route of approach, entry and retreat from house

Team to Be Guest

by Chamber of Commerce

in Appreciation of Honor

Brought to State.

Members of the championship

Those sponsoring the plan declare

stock market followed a precedent

established several years ago. How

team but it has won so many honors

"The winning of champion honors

ness of Nebraska's agricultural

Speakers at the stockyards affal

team, declaring that the honor was

not so much an individual matter

"You cannot produce a set of live-

stock judges in a day, in a year, or

Hot Lunches Being Served

of the past if a new policy adopted

by many schools of this county is generally accepted. A number of

rural schools have started serving hor

lunches to the pupils at the dinna

hour, preparation for which is made

on small stoves installed in the school

room. Many teachers are defraying

the expense of the plan by giving bas

ket socials at the building and by en-

tertainments. No appropriation of

county money has ever been made for

the purpose. Reports of the success

Barbers Raise Prices.

raising such boys.'

Omaha as guests of the city.

announced Thursday,

Diagram showing approach of po-lice and detectives in surrounding B shows position of negro when he into the door from which the negro H designates spot at which Sumfired the first shot of the battle fired and hit Danbaum. which ended in his death.

standing when he was shot.

caught Danbaum as he fell.

C designates point where Chief of Detectives Ben Danbaum was Danbaum was wounded. Line shows his movements from behind outhouse sieged dwelling D represents Detective Ryan who into beselged house.

E designates position of Frank Lam-lice Mechanic Ted Hansen threw in which the negro had barricaded himself, made by detectives Summitt and Hughes.

Left bert, emergency car chauffer who assisted in removal of his wounded himself, made by detectives Summitt ed chief and who fired three shots lar out.

him when the latter turned to assist Psznowski who arrived after his fallen chief and poured the re-

seventh street.

The negro was shot and killed.

Chief of Detectives Ben Danbaum |

was noted among his fellow offi-

officers bring gas bombs with which

"Gas bombs! Bunk!" shouted

Danbaum. "Let's go out and

an automobile and, with Detective

Ryan, started for the scene, fol-

lowed by a carload of other officers.
Dis egarded Danger.

Approaching the house in which

Mylar had entrenched himself, Dan-

disregard for the dangers confront

ing him. His sole purpose in mind

was to capture the negro and he

His actions were typical of Dan-

baum. In his long career as a

member of the police department

to drive the man into the open.

less than foolhardiness.

bring that fellow in."

with a statuatory offense agains a negro girl, 17.

Detective Chief Noted Among

Solid line denotes approach and re treat of Summitt and Hughes.

Broken line denotes approach and retreat of Danbaum and party and dotted line show movements of Inspector Psznowski.

Wife Sits by Mate

Champion Judging All Santa Claus Mail to Be on Way by December 23, Postmaster Hopes

of City of Omaha est laught for several days when he We are using percanceled stamps and was informed that Postmaster Wil. have pouches ready to be filled and Morton of Kansas City had sent out to various towns. liam E. Morton of Kansas City had "We expect every piece of mail to issued a challenge to all postmasters be out not later than December 23. in the country to show a better record if the patrons continue to mail early. than the Missouri office for handling Morton claims his office will not the Christmas mail rush.

"This man Morton is a dandy fel- cember 23.

have a piece of Christmas mail by De-

low," said Black, "but he is new at the game. If he came to Omaha he would learn something from our of has even taken men from other de-

Roeder in Suit

Negligence: First of

Dr. Clyde A. Roeder Thursday won he first of a series of slander, mal-

eration a jury in Judge A. C. Troup's court found the surgeon not guilty of negligence and malpractice n an operation upon Averdine Seeley, 4, of Magnolia, Ia., on January

The jury retired at 11:55 Thursday morning and brought in its verdfct at 3:45 Thursday afternoon.

Averdine Seeley, through he mother, Lulu, charged that Dr Roeder left a gauze spronge in the little girl's abdominal cavity when he perated upon her for appendicitis A. P. Condon found the sponge in the child's abdomen when she was operated upon again at the Nicholas Senn hospital. Thirty thousand dol

lars damages were asked. Trial of the suit was begun Mor day morning. Throughout the hearing the courtroom has been crowded with spectators, among them many lawyers and medical men-

Dr. Roeder and his attorneys, Wil Wright, were not present in the Ben Baker, attorney, represented the

I. B. Ellott Chosen Head

club at its annual election Tuesday to judge good livestock. I claim that Nebraska should be proud that it is evening. John G. Lowe is past presi- Mr. and Mrs. John Hays Hammond, dent. Other officers elected are: Frank E. Hollingsworth, treasurer: in Pawnee County Schools of directors includes Clarence De John N. Dryden, trustee. The board Pawnee City, Dec. 18.-The dinner Bruller, John Denzler, Ray pall, so long associated with the little Heacock, Hugh McClure, Robert red school house of the rural district Pfeiffer, R. W. Ryan and Ray E school children, may become a thing Turner.

Fairbury Grownups Take Physical Training in New School Gymnasium

Fairbury, Dec. 18 .- Men and women s well as the boys and girls of this ber is 54. ommunity are taking advantage of he fine new gymnastum in Fairbury's new \$200,000 high school plant. Classes for the men meet Tuesday evening Sandberg, director of physical training in the Fairbury school system. Bridgeport, Dec. 18 .- Prices for bar- ganization, of which W. H. Leask is tion has given \$10 to the Christmas a coasting accident a week ago, is posed in a bill introduced by Senato ber work in Bridgeport have been secretary. Women's classes meet funds of each one of the Omaha paraised. A hair cut costs 50 cents and Thursday evenings and are under the pere and is preparing gift boxes for Joseph hospital. No date has been pose would be to "encourage and aid

Cabinet Dinner

White House Social Season Is Staged.

Washington, Dec. 18 .- The cabinet dinner, first of the state functions of ant signed his confession as to the practice and conspiracy litigation in the White House social season, was of Reinmiller. Deputy Sheriff A. S. After less than four hours of delib- given tonight by President and Mrs. Henfelter also testified in substance Coolidge

The cabinet members, their wives and other guests were served food cooked by the White House chef and Marjorie Buchanan, stenographer for his assistants, instead of a caterer County Attorney Mattoon, and Dr Expensive caterers have been re-

cupants for the four state dinners of presentation of its case. the social season, but President and Mrs. Coolidge have abandoned the North, banker at DeWitt, who tespractice. No reasons for the change tifled to the character and good name were forthcoming today from the of Schuerman, stating that he had White House, but there were inti- known him for years. mations that it was a part of the Others called to show Schuerman's president's economy plan. Funds for character and standing in the comthe state dinners are provided in the munity in which he has lived for president's travel and entertainment years, were George Nicholas, post allowance, of which the unexpended balance is returned annually to the brand, farmer; Deeter Steele, lumber treasury.

net, included Senator Warren of ware merchant; David Weins, farmer, Wyoming and Mrs. Warren, Senator liam Gurley, David Fitch and Fred Borah of Idaho and Mrs. Borah, Senator Wadsworth of New York and courtroom when the verdict was read, Mrs. Wadsworth, Senator Curtis of Kansas, Senator Butler of Massa, tions between Mrs. Schuerman and chusetts and Mrs. Butler, Representative Madden of Illinois, Representative Snell of New York and Mrs. Snell, Representative Sandersof In the sanity of Schuerman will take the of Kearney Kiwanis Club diana and Mrs. Sanders, Representa. Stand some time tomorrow, Kearney, Dec. 18 .- J. B. Elliott was tive Mae E. Nolan of California, Dielected president of the local Kiwanis rector Lord of the budget and Mrs. live woman wearing glasses, rather Lord, Col. and Mrs. George Harvey, retiring in appearance, and plainly C. Bascom Slemp, secretary to the in attendance at the trial today. She Elmer R. Gillespie, vice president; president; Mrs. Eugene Hale, Mrs. Frederick Dent Grant and Mrs. Ed appears nonchalant and in good spir ward B. McLean.

Auto Tag Distribution Begun at Pawnee City

Pawnee City, Dec. 18.-Automobile cense tage for 1925 are appearing in this county, distribution of the new county treasurer. There is no change in Pawnee county in the fees for egistration of cars and other vehicles. the charges being the same as for last year. Pawnee county's key num

Woodmen Christmas Party. The Omaha Woodmen Circle federa each week under direction of R. L. (ion will hold a Christmas tree party sorship of the local T. M. C. A. er. avenue, Friday evening. The federae letter mailed from Los Angeles a shave 25 under the new scale adopt open sorted by the reorganized Western Bar. These classes are open to all men and who are ill at the set for her return. Har parents are in the formation of co-operative mar. These classes are open to all men and who are ill at the set for her return. Har parents are in the formation of co-operative mar. World War Memories explained with the reorganized western Bar. These classes are open to all men and the set for her return. Har parents are in the formation of co-operative mar. World War Memories explained with the set for her return. Har parents are in the formation of co-operative mar. World War Memories association.

on Trial for Life on Murder Charge Ed Schuerman Nonchalant as Taking of Testimony Be-

gins in Gage County District Court.

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 18 .- At this fternoon's session of the districcourt the state began laying the oundation for the confession of Edward Schuerman, DeWitt farmer, George Reinmiller At the outset Judge William Moss

Held in Capitol adminished the spectators to cease laughing and talking during the progress of the trial or he would be obliged to exclude all from the court-

Sheriff John Sailing was the first witness called to the stand and testified that he arrested Defendant Schuerman and brought him to Beatrice. He was present when defendthe same as Sheriff Sailing.

Witnesses Tell of Confession. Other witnesses called were Miss brought in from the outside for the C. J. Reilly of this city, who stated they were present when the confes tained by previous White House oc 3:15 when the defense begand the sion was signed. The state rested at The first witness called was

master at DeWitt: William Stockel-The guests at tonight's dinner, in chant; John Shoff, minister; John merchant: Frank Schumacher, meraddition to the members of the cabi- Harsh, farmer; Fred Schmale, hard-Attempt to Prove Insanity.

The defense is attempting to show

that since the alleged intimate rela-Reinmiller, the defendant has become mentally unbalanced. It is expected that expert witnesses to testify as to Mrs. Edward Schuerman, diminu

dressed, with her five children, was sat not far from her husband, who its. It is thought the case will go to the jury the first of next week.

Fifteen School Districts

Pawnee City, Dec. 18.—Fifteen school districts of Pawnee county will Taft and Other Justices not be entitled to share in the disnumbers having been started by the tribution of the state school appor tionments which will be made in this month and June of next year by ren. Taft and justices of the supreme the Muscle Shoals debate. districts have voted to hold only diciary committee to give their views eight months of school. Each of the on a bill that would amend the ju ocal levy, but their action bars them calendar rom the state money. .

Coasting Victim Improves.

always in front. He never sent men into a place he would not go

cers for a courage that was little After Mylar's gun-fire had driven Detectives Palmtag and Nelson from the house in which the negro September, 1920. Saved Mayor Smith. had barricaded himself, Palmtag With Charles Van Deusen, now called the police station for rein-

Fellow Officers for His Courage

chief of police. Danbaum fought forcements and suggested that the his way through the frantic mob which had surrounded the mayor, fastened a rope around his neck and was making every effort to hang the city's executive from a light pole at the corner of Six-The detective chief seized his teenth and Harney streets. In the overcoat and a shotgun, called for nick of time Danbaum saved Mayor Smith's life by cutting the rope, whicking the mayor into an automobile and driving away, despite the threatening roars of the

disappointed mob. tive participant in one of the most notable gun battles Omaha has ever known, the shooting between six gangsters entrenched in a house on Pinkney street and a dozen police officers, the shooting which resulted in the death of Detective Frank Rooney and the subsequent arrest of Beryl Kirk, who only last week was denied a parole from the state penitentiary, where he is now serving sentence for his part in the

he has never been known to flinch Before he was promoted to chief of detectives Danbaum never hesitated about leading a raiding party

himself. Danbaum was one of the men

who saved the life of Mayor Ed P. Smith in the court house riot of

affair. Danbaum and Rooney were leading the other officers into the into any kind of action. He was | house when Rooney was killed,

Mylar Wanted by Police on Charge of Girl: Parents Swear Out Warrant

ing at 118 South Twenty-seventh

The property is handled by F. D. Wead. The house a four-room frame affair, is set along 80 feet back from the sidewalk. The street at this point is less than 20 feet A warrant for Mylar's arrest was

Nelson, however, went to Mylar's home to arrest him before they reon Lennie Walker, 18, 2016 Charles

Thursday. Detectives Palintag and

ceived the warrant. street, three weeks ago.

lives near Twenty-seventh and painted sign fastened on a post in | Douglas streets," the young colored the front yard of the Mylar dwell- girl told County Attorney Beal. "Evelyn told me to stop at Mrs. Mylar's and she woul ddirect me to my friend's home. "But when I knocked at the My-

lyn Knight, a friend of mine, who

alled me and told me Mylar had seventh street, Douglas and in the attacked hec. too. So I told my parents and they swore out the house.

CZECH POET IS CLUB SPEAKER

bers that the university was proud after the Christmas recess.

of a Czech organization.

Monsigner John Vranek of Omaha,

signor, entitled, "Our Beloved Lan-threw all their resources into an ef-the house next the flaming dwelling guage," was read by Raman Hruska, fort to block passage of the Uniter and a stream of water played upon Forfeit Apportionment a member of the club.

son of the fact that directors of these court appeared before the house judistricts in question has the requisite dicial code and prevent cases from number of publis and a sufficient unnecessarily clocking the court for 14 hours coding 7 p. m. December milt, stormed the rear door of the

Capper Proposes Board for Federal Marketing

Webster street, who was injured in a federal marketing board was proreported to be improving at St. Capper republican. Kansas. Its pur-

lar door he answered. He pulled go with a charge fro mhis shotgun. door. He started hugging and kissing me. I screamed, but couldn't get away. He warned me not to bear storm curtains of the police Issued by County Attorney Roai | tell, but when I reached Evelyn's | emergency car parked in front. house I but her, but I didn't tell | Following the arrival of the riot

INSURGENTS FIGHT UNDERWOOD BILL

zech poet, was the principal speaker bolstered by the return of Senator at the second meeting of the Czech Robert M. LaFollette, members of the their flyes smyod a safe distance. lub, of Creighton university Wednes senate insurgent bloc this afternoon opened a drive to prevent a final vote arrived on the scene at behest of ar Rey. William J. Grace told the mem on the Muscle Shoals project until emergency call to headquarters after The insurgents, joining with other A poem, composed by the mon-government ownership advocates,

wood bill, which would give the see the walls and roof of neighboring retary of war until September, 1925, awailings. The line was directed by ests. Their first move was to reject a oil seaked rags had been thrown. Appear Before Committee series of offers from administration Washington, Dec. 18 .- Chief Justice leaders to set a definite time limit of

The Weather

A line of hose was laid up through

the wounding of Danbaum ordered

another company of fire fighters out

dremen from the window where the

Besiegers Close In. After two hours of intermittent fire ing by pelice, with occasional reply rom the negro within, Psznowski or lered the besiegers to close in A sexter of men, led by Detective Sergi. Harry Buford and George Sum

the inspector stepped into the range percentage, I a m. of the negro's guntler and as Re ation, inches and honoredcus tillion Chief Bob Caren and Motor-total since January 1, 25.45; de- cycle Officer Anderson covered his indvance he threw three tear bombe

-! into the kitchen of the besieged Swell