

JAZZ ORAZED GIRL KILLS MOTHER

Fall Scored in Report of Minority

Secretary Denby Defended by Republican Minority of Senate Oil Committee; Do-heny Loan Condemned.

Transfer Is Approved

Washington, Jan. 15.—While defending Edwin Denby as secretary of the navy, a republican minority of the senate oil committee, in a report filed today, vigorously condemns Albert B. Fall as secretary of the interior, for accepting a loan of \$100,000 and other favors from Edward L. Do-heny, California oil magnate, to whom a California naval oil reserve was leased.

The report, signed by Senators Smead of Utah; Stanford, Oregon; Bursum, New Mexico; Cameron of Arizona, and Spencer of Missouri, was submitted by the committee prior to the calling up for adoption next week of the majority report submitted at the last session of Senator Walsh, democrat, Montana, prosecutor in the oil inquiry.

"The minority concurs," the report said, "in the full measure of criticism which the majority indulges upon the conduct of a cabinet officer who is shown to have accepted a loan of \$100,000 and certain other favors while in office. Such acts cannot be tolerated and are not to be condoned. Statutes Ambiguous.

"We agree as well," it added, "with the majority opinion that the only possible criticism that could be placed upon the conduct of the secretary of the navy, Edwin Denby, or of any assistant secretary, relates entirely to the interpretation of statutes ambiguously and to the inauguration of administrative policies where no express statute exists.

"The disputed interpretation of statutes is properly before the courts for judicial determination and nothing in the record in the least affects the integrity and patriotic devotion to duty and high character of Secretary Denby."

With further reference to the \$100,000 loan to Fall, the report said:

"If the claim that these favors were in the nature of bribes is sustained in the criminal proceedings already begun, punishment adequate and prompt will follow. Crime is individual and guilt is personal. Under the constitution men are presumed to be innocent until proven guilty, but whether the participants be in fact guilty under the law or innocent in fact, the most reprehensible causes national humiliation and cannot be overlooked.

Poor Impression Credited.

The minority asserted that the extended investigation into reports of oil stock dealings by public officials and of rumors that the appointment of Secretary Fall had resulted from a "conspiracy" entered into before the 1920 republican convention had "produced an impression in the country concerning the investigatory inclinations of the senate that was exceedingly unfortunate and one which (Turn to Page Two, Column Six.)

MATE SUES WAR VET FOR DIVORCE

Ethel A. Bundy filed suit in district court yesterday against Emmet L. Bundy, charging desertion and cruelty. She says he left her August 4, 1924, but that she took him back on promises to do better. She asks custody of their son, 15 months old. Bundy earns \$125 a month and receives a pension of \$95 a month as a world war veteran.

Two Teachers Injured; Faculty Blames Jinx

Kearney, Jan. 15.—Members of the faculty and student body of the local teachers college are frankly voicing their belief in an "existing" jinx on the institution.

Miss Cora O'Connell, principal of the college training high school and president of the Women's club of the city, broke her arm in a fall on an icy pavement. Miss Edith Smithy, registrar, is suffering from an ankle broken in several places, occasioned in the same manner.

Two students are nursing hands injured in the planer in the manual training laboratory. One of them, Ezra Good, of Lexington, lost part of one finger.

We Have With Us Today

R. H. Harris, President Bank of Lynch, Lynch, Neb.

Mr. Harris, one of the most successful financiers of northern Nebraska, brings to Omaha the good tidings of prosperity in that part of the state, with good crops last season and better prospects for the future than for many years, and everyone optimistic.

Swarm of Bees Fly Over Heads of Worshippers

Pawnee City, Neb., Jan. 15.—Nearer the Methodist congregation of this city than they had imagined was the Biblical reference to "honey and the honey comb," until Sunday evening's services, when the presence of others than the regular worshippers was disclosed. The warm day and the heat of the furnace in the auditorium brought out a swarm of bees that had been living in the north wall of the church. Moving in more than usually kindly either by the sermon or the numbing effect of the recent cold weather, the bees stung no one. The middle of the week workmen were employed to remove the swarm and took out nearly 75 pounds of honey.

Quantity of State Printing Useless; Has 'Bryan' on It

Number of Coads and Documents Must Be Destroyed; McMullen Orders Name to Be Left Off.

By P. C. POWELL.

Lincoln, Jan. 15.—Following filing of charges against former Governor Charles W. Bryan by George E. Johnson, former state engineer, is the discovery by new state officials that hundreds of thousands of printed state documents carrying the name of Charles W. Bryan, however, have been ordered and are now useless because of change of administration.

As a result, orders have been received by all new state appointees that Governor Adam McMullen's name is not to be used on departmental documents, despite the benefit accruing from a political standpoint. Excepting stationery directly from the governor's office, the name of Adam McMullen will not appear on state documents, unless appearance of his name is absolutely necessary from an official standpoint.

In the department of agriculture there are more than 100,000 printed cards on hand, listing that seeds and potatoes have been inspected by the state and are satisfactory. These cards are to be placed on sacks and other receptacles used in shipping products. And every one carries the name of Charles W. Bryan.

This is only one of dozens of similar cases discovered and checked so far as the present administration is concerned.

Johnson Charges a Puzzle.

Proper disposition of the Johnson charges is causing legislators no end of trouble. The most recent solution advanced is to place the charges against Bryan in the hands of Attorney General O. S. Spillman and permit that official to decide proper legal action, if any.

A fight to force easy minded candidates from playing "both ends against the middle" by appearing on ballots as candidates of two different parties was started in the senate today with the introduction of a bill by R. R. Vance of Hastings. Briefed, the bill contains the following salient points:

Candidate receiving party nomination must be a member of party nominating him and his name can only appear on one party ticket.

Party affiliation of candidate will be determined by ballot he called for at primary preceding his attempt to be placed as a candidate for some office.

Senate Adjourns.

Nomination of candidate must be filed with proper official 40 days in advance of primary, instead of 20, as law provides at present, and he must accept nomination 25 days in advance of primary election.

The senate adjourned today until Monday. The house, however, will remain in action at least one more day this week. Passage of routine emergency bills, such as an appropriation to pay legislators and clerks, occupied the entire time of the legislative body.

At the afternoon session the house listened to a plea of William Axley for 23 years a missionary to Japan, against the Japanese exclusion act.

Fight Starts on Child Labor.

The promised fight over ratification of the federal child labor law showed its head today with a petition by 200 Wayne citizens, urging favorable action on the federal amendment. The resolution for ratification is in the hands of State Representative Axtell of North Platte, one of the two members of the progressive party in the lower house.

At this time Axtell is canvassing the house membership and obtaining the names of as many members as possible to be affixed to the resolution. So far, it is understood, he has been successful in getting the support of members from labor union centers, but has been rebuffed by a majority of the agrarian members.

Wheat Sells for \$1.68.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Beatrice, Neb., Jan. 15.—A few thousand bushels of wheat were thrown on the market in Gage county today for \$1.68 a bushel. Several farmers living southeast of here sold 2,000 bushels and one or two residing near O'Neill disposed of some of their grain. Little corn has found its way to market here the last few weeks.

Hahn's Sister Tells Sanity Jury

Wealthy Real Estate Owner Suffered From Hallucinations, Thought Brother Would Kill Him.

Hearing Continued Today

For seven hours Thursday J. Warren Hahn, Omaha apartment house owner and husband of the late Mrs. Hahn, as murder victim, sat impassively listening to a discussion of his actions before and after the brutal murder had been discovered.

Only during the first few minutes of the hearing, begun Thursday morning by the county insanity board at the courthouse, did Hahn exhibit great emotion.

He entered the crowded room, escorted there from the jail by two deputy sheriffs, tears came to his eyes, and a minute later he broke into convulsive sobs.

Smiles Slightly at Testimony. He quickly became calm, however, when members of the board ignored him, and during the remainder of the hearing which is to determine whether or not he is sane, he uttered not a single sound.

Twice he smiled slightly, as amusing incidents were brought out; once he yawned and occasionally he twisted his black velvet hat as he listened.

The board took a great mass of testimony, not only regarding the probable mental condition of Hahn, but also relating to the gruesome murder, details of which were shrouded even to hardened police officers assigned to the case.

Today the board will question Hahn. Members pointed out that this questioning will be a more important hearing on their verdict regarding his sanity than the mass of other testimony.

Real Determined on Course. At adjournment of the hearing Thursday evening County Attorney Beal reiterated his determination to charge Hahn with first degree murder, and ask the electric chair as punishment, should the man be found sane.

Mrs. S. E. Beitz, Hahn's sister, was the last and perhaps the most important witness called Thursday. She said Hahn had been suffering from hallucinations for many years, that he believed one of his brothers and sometimes his wife were conspiring with a gang to end his life. Some of the hallucinations were:

"That when a needle was dropped in his home it was a sure indication that he was to be killed that night.

"That some of the food in his home had been poisoned.

"That the 'gang' would force Mrs. Hahn to kill him.

Adjudged Insane in 1919. Mrs. Beitz said Hahn had been adjudged insane in 1919, placed first in St. Bernard hospital, later in a Christian Science home and still later in the state asylum at Lincoln. It was while confined in an institution that Mrs. Hahn and her attorney, calling on him, were requested by him to search his home for dangers which he believed existed there.

He asked them to have a watermelon in the southwest corner of the basement analyzed for poison; to look for a vial filled with poison secreted in his sock or pocket hanging in the cellarway; to have medicine in a blue vase in Mrs. Hahn's room and water and medicine in a large rose vase in the living room (the sister testified).

"After his release from the asylum his hallucinations began returning in June of 1924, when Mrs. Hahn conferred with me several times and expressed great concern about his actions," testified the sister. "I am convinced that he was insane then, and now."

Daughter of Pawnee City Mayor Married at Bluffs

Pawnee City, Jan. 15.—Maurice Van Horne and Miss Kathryn Colwell were married at Council Bluffs, Ia., January 14. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. K. S. Wherry, the latter a sister of the bride. The bride is a daughter of Mayor and Mrs. E. S. Colwell. She is a graduate of the Pawnee City public schools and attended the University of Colorado at Boulder several years. The bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Van Horne of this city and at school took a prominent part in athletics.

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London, Jan. 15.—Harry Furniss, noted caricaturist, author and lecturer, died at Hastings, aged 70.

Man's Liberty Hangs by Thread--and Then That Broke--Now He Is in Jail

Frank Henley, Suspected of Complicity in Omaha's Most Recent Mail Robbery, Is Sentenced to Anamosa Prison on Concealed Weapon Charge.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Cedar Rapids, Ia., Jan. 15.—The liberty and good reputation of Frank Henley, 20, hung by a thread—and the thread broke.

The thread supported a button on Henley's trousers and the button supported an automatic pistol which Henley had pushed into the waistband of his trousers.

Henley is now serving a sentence of two years in the Anamosa prison, after having entered a plea of guilty to a charge of carrying concealed weapons.

Not only that, but he is suspected of having participated in the recent robbery of mail from the Northwestern mail train running from Omaha to Chicago.

The button comes off. Henley arrived in Cedar Rapids yesterday, unsuspected of having done anything wrong. With him were two pals. Then, last night, Henley entered a poolroom and loafed about. While he was standing near a cigar case the thread which held a button fast to his trousers, broke, the pistol slipped down his trouser leg and lay on the floor. He was arrested immediately.

At the station, police say, Henley refused to talk. He said that his home was in Omaha, at a hotel near a depot. The name of the hotel he could not remember.

Nor could the man remember many other things. For instance, where he was on the night the mail train was robbed or during some months, which the police insist, were spent in the penitentiary.

Heads Gully. "Maybe I was in jail. I don't remember," Henley remarked in answer to their questions.

When authorities had given over questioning him, they declared that they would file a charge of carrying concealed weapons against him. To this, Henley remarked: "All right. You have the goods on me there and I'll plead guilty. Let's go."

He was arraigned this afternoon and sentenced. Half an hour later he was on his way to the prison.

Klan Buys Former Lincoln Clubhouse

Permanent Headquarters to Be Established at State Capital.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Lincoln, Jan. 15.—Permanent headquarters of the Ku Klux Klan in Nebraska will be established here at once, it was announced today by J. P. Plummer, national field secretary of the organization. Announcement of Lincoln as the hub of state activities was coincident with a statement that the Klan had purchased the old Lincoln County club building for a consideration of \$25,000.

The sale was made to the Klan by Woods Brothers company. Plans call for the remodeling of the building at once, Plummer said. It will be the scene of all state conventions in the future, including the convention to be held here in June of this year. It is expected that state officers of the organization will move to Lincoln to take up their Klan activities.

The building is a former show place of Lincoln and was at one time the home of former Governor Butler. It was abandoned by the Country club when the completion of its new clubhouse and golf course in south Lincoln.

Action Against Ford Dismissed

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 15.—Suit for \$50,000 against Henry Ford, brought by Mrs. Jane Davlin of Spaulding, Neb., for the death of her husband, who was killed while operating a tractor manufactured by the Ford Motor company, was dismissed in federal court here today.

Dam Builders Find in River Ring Lost Over 20 Years Ago

Falls City, Jan. 15.—A diamond ring, lost in the Rock river in Illinois over 20 years ago when Frank Ayers was drowned, has been found and will be given to S. Riley Ayers of this city, a cousin, according to word received by the Falls City man.

The ring was found by a construction company working on a dam near Dixon, Ill. With the ring were a few human bones and a rusty knife which was identified as belonging to Frank Ayers, who, with a companion, was drowned in April, 1904. The body of the other man was found soon after the tragedy.

Neola Woman Dies at 81; Husband, Past 90, Survives

Neola, Ia., Jan. 15.—Harriet Caroline Johnson Felton, wife of John D. Felton, died here Wednesday. Mrs. Felton was born at Manchester, Eng., England, November 10, 1844, and came to the country in 1858. She had been a resident of Neola for 50 years. She is survived by her husband, who is past 90; five children, Willaw, James and Thomas, of Neola; John D. Felton, of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Harriet Buchanan of Council Bluffs, Ia.; 20 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

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America Is Potential Air Leader

Money and Genius to Put U. S. Ahead of Other Nations in Aviation Are Available Here.

Yet She Is Far Behind

New York, Jan. 15.—Money and genius for an air program that would put the United States in the lead of any other nation are available in this country, yet, in performance, the nation is far behind France, England, and Japan.

This was the burden of testimony today before the congressional subcommittee of inquiry into the United States air service.

Witnesses declared American designers had developed types of airplanes—military and commercial—which for their respective purposes could not be equaled by other nations. They told of the majority of world records for aircraft which the United States holds, of the operation of the air mail, "the greatest commercial service in the world," of private flying in western states which outdo similar activities in any other country; of the readiness of bankers and business institutions to utilize aerial transportation.

Commercial Flying Dead.

Nevertheless, commercial aviation in the United States is threatened with death in its infancy, witnesses testified. The biggest aircraft manufacturers are being driven from the field according to witnesses who hold the government chiefly responsible because it not only failed to cooperate with private airplane manufacturers but actually competed with them to a disastrous degree.

Representative Randolph Perkins of New Jersey, subcommittee chairman, declared at the outset that he sought to lead the inquiry away from the investigation of government air service financing which characterized the Washington sitings, toward a search for a constructive plan in which the government and private resources could join in creating a powerful commercial and military program.

SLEMP PLANS TO QUIT POST

Washington, Jan. 15.—C. Bascom Slemp will retire March 4 as secretary to President Coolidge and he will be succeeded by Representative Everett Sanders of Indiana.

The decision of Mr. Slemp, who has been secretary to President Coolidge since he entered the White House, became known today after he had returned from a trip to New York.

Representative Sanders will retire from the house March 4, not having been a candidate for reelection. He was director of the republican national committee's speakers' bureau during the campaign and a member of the house steering committee.

Mr. Slemp's decision to retire was due to several factors, including a desire to return to the direction of his extensive business interests.

It had been the intention of Mr. Sanders to return to private practice of law in Indiana but he was prevailed upon to accept the post by Mr. Coolidge.

In the successor to Mr. Slemp the president will have as secretary a man similarly equipped in his knowledge of congressional matters, as Mr. Sanders is rounding out eight years as a member of the house. He will be 43 years old March 8.

Students Entertain Club.

Cozad, Jan. 15.—Cozad Commercial club was entertained at an annual banquet by the department of home economics of the Cozad High school. Mrs. Alfred Koch, superintendent, had charge. Miss Bernice Anderson, superintendent of the kindergarten in the public schools, used a group of her children in putting on a snow scene for the business men.

Election of directors resulted in the choice of Dr. C. H. Wallace, W. T. Thompson, W. T. Shaets, E. N. Davis, C. P. Ford, Dr. L. J. Bouler and C. E. Allen.

Dogs Kill Coyote.

Wymore, Jan. 15.—While Glenn Payne, farmer near here, was out hunting south of town Tuesday, his wolf dogs encountered a large coyote, which after a ferocious fight was killed just as Mr. Payne came upon the scene. The wild animal was a large one and badly chewed up by the dogs. There are several coyotes reported in the rough country south of here, and a big hunt covering a section about six miles square and reaching to the Kansas line is being planned for the near future.

Ramsey to Head York Board.

York, Jan. 15.—The new county board of commissioners unanimously elected Homer Ramsey of Arborville township chairman, the democratic members holding no caucus for non-nationals. There are five new men here on the board, which number 20, which numbers 20.

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Prisoner Loans Money to Sheriff

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Wymore, Neb., Jan. 15.—A new story is told here on Sheriff John R. Salling, by friends of the county official, who have seen and conversed with him since his return to Gage county after a trip with A. J. Wyatt of Denver as his prisoner.

It is said that, owing to some extra heavy and unforeseen expenses, the sheriff found himself out of funds on the way back. The prisoner came to the rescue. He stuck a thumb and forefinger in a vest pocket and pulled out a roll of \$75 in greenbacks, and insisted on the sheriff taking a loan of enough to complete the trip.

The party arrived in Beatrice safely, where Wyatt was placed in jail under \$1,500 bond. He is charged, with a western loan company, which he represents, with accepting a loan fee of several hundred dollars, to make a loan to M. L. Rawlings, Wymore, local wholesaler, and it is alleged that the company had no license to do business in Nebraska.

Farmers' Union Stockholders to Accept Share Cut

Value of Holdings Reduced 50 Per Cent at Meeting of Organization in Omaha.

Stockholders of the Farmers Union State exchange accepted a cut of 50 per cent in the par value of their stock in the organization at the annual meeting in the Hotel Castle Thursday.

The concern, which did a mail order business with farmers of more than \$1,300,000 last year, made a profit of \$20,647. It has a deficit of \$364,721, made up principally of unearned cumulative dividends of 3 per cent over a period of years.

The reorganization plan adopted also included cancellation of the 3 per cent cumulative dividend feature of the stock.

The capital stock outstanding as revised by the cut of 50 per cent amounts to \$352,225 now. The \$20,647 earned last year would be nearly 6 per cent on this capital. Directors declared business this year will be better.

John Haverkost of Hooper was re-elected president. C. McCarthy of York was re-elected treasurer and manager. T. H. Fresse of Elgin was re-elected a director.

WHEAT GROWERS WIN IN COURT

Hastings, Neb., Jan. 15.—District Judge Hastings upheld the membership contract of the Nebraska Wheat Growers' association requiring members of the organization to market their grain through the association's marketing bureau, in a decision today granting the union growers "liquidated damages" of 25 cents per bushel on all wheat sold by C. C. Marquist & Sons of York county other than through the association, for alleged violation of contract.

The wheat growers' association, on behalf of its 2,700 members, had sued for this amount and also had asked for an injunction restraining C. C. Marquist & Sons from selling their wheat "other than through their own sales agency," which was granted by the court.

Alma Woman in D. A. R. Pilgrimage Around World

Alma, Jan. 15.—Miss Ethel K. Thompson leaves this week for New York city where she will sail January 19 on the S. S. California on the Daughters of the American Revolution pilgrimage around the world. Miss Thompson joined this organization when she attended the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, of which she is a graduate. The cruise will include Cuba, Panama, Los Angeles, Honolulu, Japan, China, Manila, Java, Burma, Ceylon, India, Egypt, Holy Land, Greece and tours through Italy, France, England, Switzerland and Belgium.

Farm Mortgages Reduced in Cedar County in 1925

Hartington, Jan. 15.—According to the records in the county clerk's office, the financial condition of Cedar county improved during the last year. In 1924 there were 41 less farm mortgages, 22 less city mortgages and 93 less chattel mortgages filed than in 1923. In 1923 farm mortgages amounted to \$3,115,822, of which \$2,788,750 were released, while in 1924 farm mortgages amounted to only \$2,832,498, of which \$2,404,233 were released. During 1924 there were only 13 sheriff's sales as against 22 in 1923.

Summary of the Day in Washington

The house passed the \$25,000,000 war and harbor authorization.

C. Bascom Slemp announced he would resign as secretary to the president.

Representative Everett Sanders of Indiana will succeed him.

The Isle of Pines treaty recognizing Cuban sovereignty over the territory was taken up by the senate after more than 20 years.

Railroad executives continued their testimony before a senate committee on a bill to reduce the interest charges on government loans.

A plan to transfer to Washington the legal proceedings instituted in Montana against Senator Burton K. Wheeler was placed before officials.

A bill to make mandatory the imposition of prison sentences for violations of the prohibition law was reported by the house judiciary committee.

The Weather

For 24 hours ending 7 p. m., January 15: Precipitation, inches and hundredths: Total, 7. Total since January 1, 0.5. Daily: 15, 1.5. Monthly: 15, 1.5. Yearly: 15, 1.5.

Hourly Temperatures: 12 M., 32; 1 P., 34; 2 P., 36; 3 P., 38; 4 P., 40; 5 P., 42; 6 P., 44; 7 P., 46; 8 P., 48; 9 P., 50; 10 P., 52; 11 P., 54; 12 M., 56; 1 P., 58; 2 P., 60; 3 P., 62; 4 P., 64; 5 P., 66; 6 P., 68; 7 P., 70; 8 P., 72; 9 P., 74; 10 P., 76; 11 P., 78; 12 M., 80; 1 P., 82; 2 P., 84; 3 P., 86; 4 P., 88; 5 P., 9