Navy Will Press Charges Against Confined Officer

Wife of Lieutenant Repeats Belief Husband Persecuted by Enemies in Service.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Court-martial proceedings against Lieut. Frank E. Kennedy, confined in the state hospital for insane at Napa, Cal., will be pressed, it was said today at the Navy department, if Kennedy is found to be sane.

It was explained that the officer was tried before a summary court at his Asiatic station on charges based on drunkenness and insubordination, but both Rear Admiral Washington, commanding, and Secretary Wilbur were of the opinion the punishment, a suspension, was too lenient. Steps to order a court-martial were in progress, it was said, when Kennedy was committed to the asylum.

Details of the incidents which led up to the charges against Lieutenant Kennedy have not been made public, but it was said at the department that in one report from him he had mentioned the automobile incident, naming Lieutenant Christie, Kennedy's immediate commanding officer at the time.

The report of the naval medical survey on which Lieutenant Kennedy was committed to the insane asylum has not been received by the bureau of medicine and surgery at the Navy department. The bureau was said to have acted on telegraphic advices in approving the report of the survey board.

San Francisco, Feb. 26.—The United States attorney here will represent the Navy department next Monday when a writ of habeas corpus seeking the release of Lieut. Frank E. Kennedy from the Napa hospital for the insane is argued before the superior court at Napa.

Lieutenant Kennedy was sent to the Napa hospital without a formal commitment after he had been suspended by Lieut. W. R. Christie, commander of the submarine S-17, who filed charges of unofficer-like conduct against him at Manila, naval records show. Kennedy was not tried on the charges, but sent to Napa from the Mare Island navy yard.

Four physicians who examined Kennedy asserted that he is sane. Dr. James W. Brownlie of Vallejo says Kennedy "has been hounded by navy directors at the behest of somebody who has an ax to grind."

Wife Starts Suit.

Mrs. Autumn Margaret Kennedy, wife of Lieut. Kennedy, started the proceedings for her husband's release. Mrs. Kennedy today described the plight of her husband as due to the enmity of the "Annapolis combination."

"I was received well enough," Mrs. Kennedy said. "Although I earned my own living by playing the violin, I came from the concert stage and wasn't 'too awfully bad.' "

"What bothered me and finally came to be a deep hurt was the regrettable incident with Lieutenant Christie, my husband's superior officer. He asked me to go for an auto ride with him in Hong Kong, and all the world knows what that means."

Lieut. Albert Pierce Burleigh, an efficiency officer, who shot himself to death at Mare Island on February 15, was driven to suicide after he had tried to obtain a trial for his fellow officer who was sent to the insane hospital, according to Mrs. Kennedy.

Blames "System."

"After hounding my husband as near to insanity as they could and failing to unseat the reason of a brave man, some navy officers have determined to sequester him in a mad house because they are part of an organized system which objects to anyone who has not come through Annapolis and because they are scared of what he could tell about Lieutenant Burleigh's suicide," Mrs. Kennedy said.

Lieutenant Burleigh was en route from far eastern waters to visit his family on the Atlantic coast when he committed suicide. He was married.

Marriage Licenses Granted Three Couples at Beatrice

Beatrice, Feb. 26.—The following couples were granted marriage licenses here by Judge Messmore: Willie Waltke, 22, of Adame, and Julena Evers, 21, of Firth; Henry Parde, 22, of Pickrell, and Marie Fritzen, 24, of Filley; Lester J. Gerdes, 21, and Helen Gertrude McKeever, 19, both of Wymore.

Farmers Holding Wheat for Advance in Price

Beatrice, Feb. 26.—Charles Hood, residing about five miles south of Ellis, hauled 4,000 bushels of wheat to that place whichc he will store there and hold for better prices. It is said a number of farmers in Gage county have sold little of their wheat, expecting to receive a better price later on.

"Bathtub Patient," Unfortunate Victim of Spinal Injury, Relieved by Death

National Guardsmen in Texas Military Hospital Spent Last Four Months of His Life in Bathtub Filled With Warm Water; Case Attracted Wide Attention.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 26.—John Porter, 22, confined for the last four months to a bathtub filled with water because he could not lay in any other position due to pain from bed sores, has been relieved from his agony.

Porter died today at William Beaumont hospital on the military reservation after months of suffering. An autopsy is being performed to determine the exact cause of death.

Porter's case attracted nation-wide attention. He was known as the "bathtub patient" in the big base hospital because he was forced to live night and day in a bathtub. The water always was kept warm and conditions were made as comfortable as possible for Porter. He received thousands of letters from persons over the United States sympathizing with him. One sent a large radio set and another a recipe for delicacies, which were prepared by the hospital staff.

Porter was injured one year ago at Fort Bliss while in camp with the New Mexico National guardsmen. He fell backward over a bale of hay and injured his spine. Kept in bed as a result of the injury, he developed bed sores. Various forms of relief were tried before the bathtub idea was hit upon. A piece of felt was slung under his body except where the sores were. His head and feet were supported at ends of the tub. This was the only manner in which he felt relief.

However, his spine never healed. His mother was with him when he died.

Priest Lectures on Marriage Vow

Farewell Cases Given St. Cecilia Pastors Who Were Transferred.

Seriousness and sanctity of marriage were discussed by Father James Fallon at his first Lenten lecture at St. Cecilia cathedral Wednesday evening.

"Marriage is a contract that cannot be dissolved," said Father Fallon. "The foundation given children in the home is necessary for good citizenship. Civil society depends upon home and marriage.

"The sanctity of marriage is instituted by God," he continued and quoted from the second chapter of the book of Genesis. "Marriage is one of the seven sacraments of the church. Marriages are united with God in the creation of the human race. It is a religious ceremony that ought to be surrounded by reverence. It ought to take place in a church."

The subject of the next lecture on marriage by Father Fallon will be "Proper Preparation for Marriage."

St. Cecilia Sodality of the cathedral parish held a special meeting Wednesday evening when traveling cases were presented to Father Joseph Kohler who is transferred to Hartington, Neb., and to Father William Feen who is transferred to South Omaha. Father Kohler was the spiritual director of the sodality.

Couple Wed 66 Years Ago Celebrate Anniversary

Pawnee City, Feb. 26.—The 66th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Lane, formerly of this city, was celebrated recently at their home at Blackwell, Okla. Mr. Lane is 90 years old, and his wife, 84.

In the early days of Pawnee City Mr. Lane operated a livery barn on the site of one of the largest business blocks here.

At the opening of the Cherokee strip, in Oklahoma, Mr. Lane and two sons made the race for claims. The boys' land was disputed in court and they lost their titles, but the father retained his original staking.

Banquet Given Teachers by Geneva School Board

Geneva, Feb. 26.—The school board gave a 6-o'clock dinner to the 19 teachers of the city schools at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Chenoweth. The decorations of the table were suggestive of Washington's birthday and sweet peas were used as the flowers for the table.

Superintendent Kretsinger acted as toastmaster, the subject of the speeches spelling the word "Geneva." Parts of an automobile were applied to fit the topics and were given as gas, engine, noise, exhaust, valves and accelerator.

Ralph Madsen, Nebraska Giant, to Rejoin Circus

Creighton, Neb., Feb. 25.—Ralph Madsen, who recently returned to his home here to visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Madsen, after having traveled in the L. G. Barnes' circus, has signed a contract to go an exhibition again in the show as a giant with 20 lilliputians or midgets.

Mr. Madsen, who has been chosen as the chief lecturer of his group or company, is 7 feet 6 inches in height and when in costume appears to be about a foot taller.

Evangelist Opens Series of Meetings at Coleridge

Coleridge, Feb. 26.—A series of revival meetings began here this week at the Methodist church. They are conducted by Evangelist S. N. Parvin. A chorus is directed by the singing evangelist, Prof. C. A. Kemp. The meetings probably will continue for two or three weeks.

Mountain Yields Searcher's Body

Man Who Died Trying to Find Girl Lost in Storm, Discovered Near Hotel.

By International News Service.

Denver, Colo., Feb. 26.—The body of Herbert Sortland, who lost his life January 12, last, in an effort to rescue Miss Agnes Vaille, prominent Denver mountain climber, following her fateful but successful attempt to scale the face of Long's Peak, will be shipped to his home in Litchville, N. D., for burial. The body was found at 5 Wednesday afternoon by Oscar Brown, caretaker at Long's Peak Inn, 300 yards from the inn.

Sortland was a member of a searching party which started up the mountainside to the aid of Miss Vaille after she had become exhausted in descending the mountain. Walter Kiener, her companion, left her partly sheltered by rocks and made his way to Timberline Inn and notified Scortland and others, who immediately went to rescue Miss Vaille. The stiff climb and frigid temperature proved too much for Scortland, and he was forced to make his way back to the inn. When it was learned he had not returned to the inn, the mountainside was combed in an effort to locate Sortland.

The finding of the body yesterday was accidental. Search for the body has been carried on whenever weather permitted, but it was generally believed it would be found further up the mountainside buried in deep snow.

Kiener is said to be in a serious condition in a local hospital suffering from blood poisoning as a result of freezing sustained in his harrowing experience.

Dvorak Hog Sale Attracts Buyers From Distant States

DeWitt, Feb. 26.—Edward Dvorak, widely known Poland-China hog raiser, living five miles north of DeWitt, held a public sale at his farm Wednesday and 48 hogs were sold, ranging in prices from $65 to $190. Bidders were present from many points, and representatives from severa distant states were in attendance. The first hog placed on the block brought $190, the highest price. It was a fancy animal and was bid in by South Dakota parties. The hog going to the most distant point was one bought and shipped by express to Centerville, Tenn. The heaviest animal in the herd was a boar weighing over 700 pounds, but it was retained by Dvorak.

F. A. Scherzinger to Head Nelson Community Club

Nelson, Feb. 26.—Nelson Community club held its annual meeting and banquet Tuesday evening. Officers for the ensuing year were named as follows: F. A. Scherzinger, president; J. J. Pfeiffer, vice president; A. W. Hodges, secretary; Everet Murphy, treasurer. A short program followed the business session. Music by the Nelsonian orchestra interspersed four-minute talks.

"The Boy Problem," was discussed by W. R. Arnold; "The Community Club—Its Purpose," by F. A. Scherzinger; "Service," by V. R. Beebe; "The Church As An Inspiration," by S. H. Jones, and "American Public School System," by Lowell S. Devoe.

Two Columbus Couples Start on Foreign Tour

Columbus, Feb. 26.—William Curry and Charles F. Segelke, Columbus business men, and their wives left today for a four months' cruise through the Mediterranean and tour of Egypt, the Holy land and Europe. En route to New York they will attend the inaugural ball at Washington, next week as guests of Congressman and Mrs. Howard.

Women's Federation Head Gives Talk at Hartington

Hartington, Feb. 26.—President Peryman of the Women's Federated Clubs of Nebraska addressed a union meeting of the women's clubs of Hartington. The object of federating is to promote efficiency and to prevent overlapping in the welfare work and other charities.

Progress Pens Awarded to 15 York County Pupils

York, Feb. 26.—Fifteen pupils in York county have been awarded writing progress pens from one of the pen companies. The pens are given for improvement in penmanship. Teachers of rural schools in York county are co-operating to raise the standard of penmanship among students in the county.

Hogs Stolen From Herd at Beatrice Stockyards

Beatrice, Feb. 26.—Charles Green, farmer, living near this city, states that thieves entered the stockyards here and stole three hogs out of a herd which he was preparing to ship to market.

Bossie Trial on Coal Money Set for March Term

Fine on Mann Act and Dismissal of Bigamy Case Prompts Early Hearing of Omaha Charge.

County Attorney Henry Beal announced Thursday that charges of wife abandonment and embezzlement of city funds, which have been pending for nearly a year against Claude Bossie, ousted city clerk, "will be prosecuted to the utmost."

After making this announcement, he had the two cases set for trial in district court during the March term.

Beal's decision to demand an immediate hearing of the charges was made after Bossie had pleaded guilty to a charge of violating the Mann act and paid a fine of $500 in Kansas City federal court Wednesday.

News to Her.

After paying his fine in Kansas City, Bossie announced that he was "going back to Omaha to square things with the wife." His second wife, Maybelle McKean Bossie, declared that she knew nothing of his plans.

He was reported to be in Omaha Thursday, but both he and Mrs. Bossie had apparently gone into hiding. He is still registered at the Paxton hotel, where he has been living for several months, but it was said there that he had not been at the hotel since his return from Kansas City. His wife was not at the Flatiron hotel, where she lives.

Reconciliation Scouted.

Friends of Bossie and his wife Thursday scouted his declaration that he would effect a reconciliation. Intimate friends of hers declared that she would not listen to his advances.

Mrs. Bossie Wednesday declined to verify reports that she had quashed bigamy charges which have been pending against Bossie at Lawrence, Kan.

County Attorney Beal said Thursday that the charge of wife abandonment, filed by Maybelle McKean Bossie, would be "knocked into a cocked hat" if she and Bossie effected a reconciliation. The embezzlement charge, however, will be pressed in any case, he said.

The embezzlement charge was filed by Mayor James Dahlman, Bossie's former staunch friend, after an alleged shortage in the accounts of municipal coal department had been revealed when Bossie departed suddenly for Europe with Ruth Emma Wamsley.

Miss Wamsley, who has been living in Council Bluffs, had also gone into seclusion Thursday.

Nebraska News Nubbins

Edgar—The drugstore here has been sold to John A. Stewart of Franklin by J. A. Chapman. Dr. Stewart will remove to Edgar.

Oakland—F. G. Palmquist, who had been in the undertaking business here for 30 years, is dead, following an operation. He leaves a widow and two children, Richard and Miss Geneve Palmquist.

Beatrice—Five lads ranging in age from 13 to 15 years, were rounded up by the police for stealing nine pairs of skates from the Kees factory here. Officers say the boys have admitted their guilt.

Geneva—Fillmore county Sunday school convention held an all-day session at Shickley Wednesday under direction of Miss Margaret Brown and H. D. Kimberly, field workers from Lincoln.

DeWitt—The play, "The New Co-ed," was given Tuesday evening by the junior class of DeWitt High school, netting $130. Credit for success is given Mrs. R. S. Rowly, who acted as coach and as leader of the school orchestra.

Pawnee City—Rudolph A. Siske of Pawnee City and Miss Lydia A. Heuppelsheuser of Seneca, Kan., were married at the German Evangelical church at DuBois by Rev. Otto Kreuger.

Former Cornhusker Captain Is Sued for Divorce

Beatrice, Feb. 26.—Suit for divorce has been filed by Rachael Purdy against Leonard Purdy. She charges cruelty. Purdy was one time captain and a star of the old Cornhusker football team.

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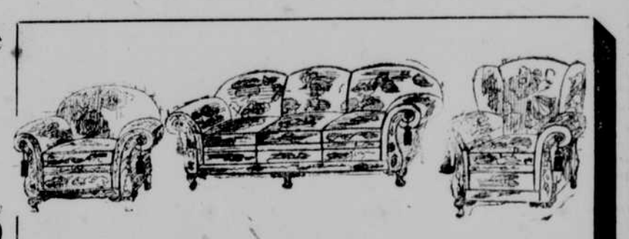

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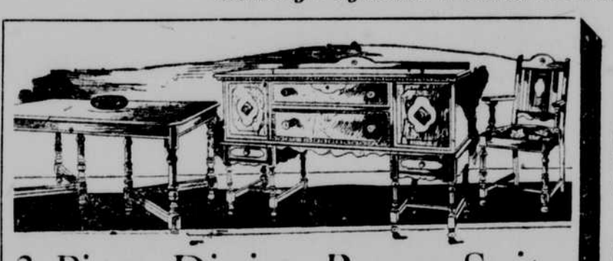

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