WEATHER FORECAST

Nebraska—Not much change in temperature.

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

It is only by labor that thought can be made healthy, and only by thought that labor can be made happy.—Ruskin.

Muny Coal Bill Killed by Senators

"Anti-Monopoly" Measure Sponsored by Spillman Defeated After Heated Debate.

Child Labor Vote Taken

By P. C. POWELL.
Staff Correspondent of The Omaha Bee.

Lincoln, March 25.—Attorney General O. S. Spillman suffered an overwhelming defeat in the state senate today when his muny coal and gas bill was indefinitely postponed by a vote of 23 to 8. During debate Spillman was subject to a bitter attack by Senator Clark Jeary of Lancaster, who charged the bill was introduced for political effect while "one of the most gigantic trusts in America is operating constantly under the attorney general's nose." The vote follows:

For:
Goodrich, Griswold, Kerr, McGowan, Robertson, Scott, Shallenbarger, Warner.

Against:
Banning, Behrens, Bliss, Chambers, Cooper, Dolezal, Dysart, Holbrook, Heckt, Hoye, Jillan, Jeary, Johnson, Laughlin, Lackey, Purcell, Reed, Robbins, Vance, Watson, Wilkins, Wiltse, Wood.

Absent and not voting:
Meacham, Humphrey.

"I think the real purpose of this bill has already been accomplished," Jeary said. "That is the garnering of votes for the next election. The attorney general, who is the real instigator of the bill, has the machinery at hand now to prosecute trusts and monopolies. Yet, not a finger has been raised against the cement trust, which really collects more money from the farmers than the gasoline dealers.

Cement Men Attacked.

"The cement trust in this state has the same Pittsburgh plus plan as the steel trust does. You take at Superior, in this state, where cement is manufactured. The people there pay the same for cement as in any other town in the state. The difference in freight rates does not make a penny's worth of difference in the price.

"Just think of the unjustness of the provisions of this bill, which places judiciary power in city councils to decide if monopolies exist without a bit of evidence on the subject. No court in the land has the power to make a decision unless evidence is presented. You would let a town council usurp the powers of the court of the land."

Senator William N. Chambers of Omaha proposed an amendment giving the same powers to city councils

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HOTEL MEETING IN NORTH DAKOTA

Grand Forks, N. D., was selected by the members of the executive council of the Northwestern Hotel association as the convention city the first week in August.

The meeting was held Wednesday at Hotey Fontenelle, with the 12 members in attendance. Following the convention at Grand Forks, the hotel owners will charter a special train and make a pilgrimage to Winnipeg, Canada, to be guests of Winnipeg hotel owners.

There are 350 members in the organization. Eugene Eppley of Omaha predicted at the meeting that more than 300 would accept the Winnipeg invitation.

KEROSENE BURNS FATAL TO WOMAN

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Broken Bow, Neb., March 25.—Mrs. Frank Gustafson died at her home in Sargent at 3 this morning from burns received when she poured kerosene from a five-gallon can onto a smouldering fire.

The can exploded, covering her body with burning oil. She was a prominent club worker. She is survived by her husband and four children.

Former Pawnee City Pastor Ill in Hospital at Xenia, O.

Pawnee City, March 25.—Rev. S. R. Jamieson, formerly pastor of the United Presbyterian church in this city, is in a hospital at Xenia, O., awaiting an operation, according to word received by members of his former congregation here. Mr. Jamieson is now pastor of the United Presbyterian church at Sugar Creek, near Dayton, O.

"Lone Wolf" Nabbed.

Boston, Mass., March 25.—James E. Walters, sought for many weeks as the "lone wolf" who specialized in burglaries of apartments occupied by women in the Back Bay district, was arrested today.

We Have With Us Today

M. Lucy,
Railroad Man,
St. Louis.

Mr. Lucy is the industrial inspector of the Missouri Pacific railroad and is in Omaha inspecting sites along his company's tracks and also consulting with Missouri Pacific officials located in Omaha.

He has been with the Missouri Pacific for more than a quarter of a century.

CHILD BITTEN BY DOG, DIES

West Point, Neb., March 25.—The 4-year-old son of Charles W. Mack died today of hydrophobia following a bite by a mad dog three weeks ago. A son of Hans Sorenson, attacked the same day by another dog suspected of suffering from rabies, has as yet shown no symptoms of the disease.

Immediately after the boys were bitten, treatment was sent from the nearest pasteur station at Kansas City. Two days elapsed, however, before the shipment arrived.

Solons to Work for Farm Relief at Next Session

Many Farm Bloc Leaders Will Spend Vacations in Interest of Pet Legislative Schemes.

By Universal Service.

Washington, March 25.—Farm relief legislation will vie with tax reduction, railroad consolidation and other important administration measures in demanding consideration in the next session of congress, according to movements now under way among senators and representatives from agricultural states.

The recommendations of the president's agricultural commission, which were not acted upon at the recent session, again will be before the two houses, but likely will receive scant attention, it is now indicated. These proposals failed to win a majority in either branch in the 68th congress.

Proposals of Own.

As against them in the next session, members of the two agriculture committees and others from farming communities, fresh from contact with the distressed planters, will have proposals of their own to press.

Representative L. J. Dickinson, republican, of Iowa, chairman of the farm bloc in the house, [illegible] was substituted by the house for that based on the presid[illegible] mission plan and reported out by the agriculture committee only to fail of action in the senate, is drafting another more comprehensive measure. He will begin a speaking tour April 16 which will carry him through all the western agricultural states, affording an opportunity to "sell" his plan to the farmers.

Borah Will Speak.

Senator Borah also intends to make a speaking tour in the west in the interest of farm relief legislation.

Representative Gilbert N. Haugen, republican, of Iowa, chairman of the house agriculture committee, is going to Europe to study the co-operative farm organizations of the Scandinavian countries, Germany and other nations, with a view to preparing legislation for introduction in the next session. He will be accompanied by representative Cyrenus Cole, republican, of Iowa.

Senators Capper, Kansas; McNary, Oregon; Ladd, North Dakota; Brookhart, Iowa, and others in the two branches also will work on bills during the adjournment.

MEDALS OFFERED WOMEN DRIVERS

The Omaha safety council is offering three medals to women drivers, winners of the contest to be held in Elmwood park Monday, April 6. The medals are gold, silver and bronze. Five honorable mention ribbons will also be awarded by Mayor Dahlman.

The contest will consist of five driving tests. The honorary judges will be Mayor Dahlman, Chief of Police Van Deusen, H. A. Adams, Joseph Polcar, Ballard Dunn, W. R. Watson, County Attorney Henry Beal and Judge L. B. Day. The contest is open to all woman drivers over 18. Enrollment blanks and rules of the contest can be secured at the safety council office.

WOODLOCK GIVEN COMMERCE POST

Washington, March 25.—President Coolidge took another thrust at the senate today by giving a recess appointment to Thomas F. Woodlock, New York financial writer, as member of the interstate commerce commission.

Both in the regular and extra sessions, the senate, because of opposition of southern democrats, refused to confirm Woodlock. Democrats demanded that the vacancy on the commission be given to a man from the south.

Omaha Police Search for Pseudo Salesman

Omaha police are searching for a pseudo washing machine salesman, who, they say, prowls homes instead of soliciting them.

Mrs. J. E. Dewey, 3905 North Twenty-third street, discovered the man in her home shortly before noon Wednesday. The stranger fled. Neighbors told police he had been canvassing the district as a salesman for a washing machine.

Claude Huston Asks Divorce.

Beatrice, March 25.—Claude Huston of this city filed suit for divorce from Mildred Huston. He charges her with desertion and names Luther Reedy as co-respondent. He denies that he is the father of a fourth child. Huston asks custody of three children. He was recently brought back to Beatrice from Lincoln on the charge of failure to contribute to the support of his family.

Cabinet Resigns.

Managua, March 25.—The Nicaraguan cabinet resigned to give President Solorzano a free hand in organizing a new cabinet.

YOUR FAMILY—Are you protecting them? Better have the brakes relined at Rajbeck's Service Station. Auto Electric and Radio Corp., 2518 Harney St.—Advertisement.

Guardian of McClintock Held in Jail

Chicago Judge Decides Ample Evidence Found to Support Charges of Murder in Case.

Faiman to Be Arraigned

By Universal Service.

Chicago, March 25.—William D. Shepherd must stay in jail.

Judge Jacob Hopkins, in superior court early tonight, overruled the motion of the defense that Shepherd be admitted to bond pending trial and a grand jury indictment charging murder.

Shepherd is charged with slaying William N. McClintock, his millionaire ward, by feeding him typhoid germs.

The motion to grant Shepherd bail pending trial was entered in superior court last week by William Scott Stewart, Shepherd's attorney. He argued that the state had secured the indictment without presenting sufficient evidence of Shepherd's guilt. The arguments, which began almost immediately, continued until late this evening.

Robert E. Crowe, state's attorney, made the final plea against granting Shepherd bond. He held that the state had offered ample evidence on which to base the indictment.

Dr. C. C. Faiman, who was indicted with Shepherd, will probably be arraigned during the week. The question of granting him bond will then be brought up. Dr. Faiman has never been formally arrested on the indictment. He has not been kept in jail, but held under guard by attaches of the state's attorney's office.

Dr. Faiman is the state's star witness, as well as one of the defendants. It was Faiman who confessed that Shepherd had secured typhoid germs from him and had promised him $100,000 when the McClintock estate was settled.

Shepherd was crestfallen when Judge Hopkins announced that his motion for bond was overruled. He had expected to gain his liberty and was prepared to post as much as $500,000 for appearance at the trial.

Shepherd indicated that he might appeal from Judge Hopkins' decision and continue the fight for bond.

THREE HURT WHEN AUTOS COLLIDE

C. R. Osborne, 1537 Willis avenue; Grace Thielsoldt, Herman, Neb., and Mrs. Goldie Parish, Herman, suffered minor injuries Tuesday night when the Osborne and Thielsoldt cars collided at Twenty-fourth street and Bauman avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Parish were riding with the Thielsoldts.

Jerry Tarose, messenger boy, 4615 South Thirty-fourth street, suffered abrasions of the hands and knees Tuesday, when struck by the car of E. A. Willington, 2004 Wirt street, as he was riding his bicycle at Sixteenth and Chicago streets.

The accident was a "double action" affair. The machine of Louis C. Larson, 2876 California street, struck Willington's car, knocking it into the boy's bicycle.

SHERIFF'S SLAYER SOUGHT BY POSSE

Abilene, Tex., March 25.—An all night search by more than 700 men, including officers from several counties in this section revealed no trace of the Mexican who shot and killed Sheriff W. W. Satterwhite of Howard county and Deputy Sheriff George Reeves of Merkel yesterday.

The country where the officers were killed near Merkel is very rough, undergrowth of bushes and canyons affording a hiding place.

The search continued today.

The officers were killed when they attempted to arrest the Mexican who was wanted for killing a man at Big Spring.

FLEET ENGAGES IN SHAM BATTLE

By The Associated Press.

Aboard U. S. S. Concord, Off San Pedro, Cal., March 25.—The most powerful of America's floating sea fortresses, 11 dreadnaughts, today belched forth a deluge of flame and steel unlike anything ever before loosed upon the Pacific ocean. For six minutes the great battle fleet rent the air with appalling vibrations in its annual force practice, simulating a terrific naval battle.

Thayer County Early Settler Dies at Age of 74

Chester, March 25.—G. E. Forell, 74, died at his home near here today. He was born in Ohio in 1850, and came to Thayer county, Nebraska, in 1885 and bought land near the state line just south of Chester, where he has lived continually since. His wife died here in 1919. Three sons and one daughter survive.

Zion City Radio Station Heard 8,372 Miles on Loop

Zion City, Ill., March 25.—Radio station WCBD, located here, reported the following cablegram from E. H. Scott of Chicago, who is visiting his old home in Tasman, New Zealand:

"Heard with loop last night on loud speaker; believe world's record for loop reception."

Tasman is 8,372 miles in direct line from Zion City.

Mrs. Wooster Lambert, Paris Divorcee, Marries Sidney Allen of St. Louis

[illegible]rces Take Place in France; Mrs. W. [illegible]er Wife of Booth Tarkington, Re[illegible]arated From Husband.

[illegible] Staff Correspondent.

Paris, March 25.—The marriage of Mrs. Wooster Lambert to Sidney Allen of St. Louis reveals the astounding secrecy with which many Paris divorces are surrounded. According to affidavits produced at the marriage, the Wooster Lamberts were divorced in Paris early last year, but no record of the divorce appears in the Seine tribunal records.

Wooster Lambert of St. Louis, one of the principals of the Lambert Pharmaceutical company, married his wife, Marion, 10 years ago. According to report here, she obtained a huge divorce settlement, running into the millions.

Another American divorce, the details of which are not obtainable through any official source, is that of Mrs. W. C. Connolly, who was Miss Louise Fletcher of Indianapolis and formerly the wife of Booth Tarkington.

Connolly, who is prominent socially in Washington and Boston, came over for the few days that were necessary to receive service of the divorce papers and then returned, while his wife is taking George Fleurot's house on the Avenue du Bois de Boulogne, Paris, to establish the "domicile" required by the lenient French courts.

Utah Wool Given Rate Advantage

Boston Wool Interests Push Fight for Joint Through Rates From Pacific Coast.

Portland, Ore., March 25.—H. W. Prickett of Salt Lake City, testifying today in the hearing before an interstate commerce commission on the petition of Boston wool interests for joint through rates on wool from interior points in the Pacific northwest to Boston, said because of billing in transit privileges, Utah wool had advantages of easy access to Chicago and St. Louis markets. He said this was largely because through rates were lower than the sum of local rates.

Wool produced in eastern Idaho and eastern Utah, he said, is near the twilight zone, where the transcontinental rail rate is on a parity with the existing joint rail and water rate via Portland canal to the Atlantic seaboard. In his opinion Salt Lake City potentially is as great a wool concentration point as is Portland and that through rail and water rates with arrangements carrying negotiable through bills of lading would benefit wool growers in the intermountain country and be reflected in higher prices for wool, if scoured and graded at Utah's chief city.

Donald McLean of Twin Falls, Idaho, secretary of the Idaho Wool Growers association, favored joint through rates and through bills of lading on wool from interior points. He said it was desirable that more wool from Idaho should move through Portland for transshipment via the Panama canal and would do so if joint rates and through bills of lading arrangements were made.

J. F. Sears of Yakima, Wash., another witness, who represented a livestock loan organization, said he would oppose any rate adjustment that would prove harmful to the wool warehouse and manufacturing interests of Portland.

TRAINING CAMP SCHEDULE FIXED

Washington, March 25.—The War department announced today the following program for this summer's citizens' military training camps:

Sixth corps area: Camp Custer, Mich., and Jefferson Barracks, Mo., July 23 to August 21.

Seventh corps area: Leavenworth, Kan.; Des Moines, Ia., and Fort Snelling, Minn., August 1 to 30.

Eighth corps area: Fort Logan, Colo.; Huachuca, Ariz.; Sill, Okla.; Bliss, Crockett and Sam Houston, Tex., July 28 to August 26.

Ninth corps area: Forts Douglas, Utah; D. A. Russell, Wyo., and George Wright, Wash., June 12 to July 11; For Winifield Scott, Cal., June 20 to July 19; Delmonte, Cal., July 21 to August 19; Camp Lewis, Wash., June 19 to July 18, and Fort Worden, Wash., June 20 to July 19.

Contract Let for Sinking Creighton Stadium Piles

Raymond Concrete Pile company of Kansas City was awarded contract for sinking reinforcements for 500 concrete piles for the new Creighton stadium, the work to begin next Monday and to cost approximately $18,000.

In order to complete the stadium in time for the American Legion convention next October," said Rev. John F. McCormick, president of Creighton university, "work must begin at once, even though only $65,000 of the quarter million needed, have been raised."

Machinery for the work has been shipped from Kansas City.

Station Agent Appointed.

Rosemont, March 25.—M. V. Hamilton of Geneva has been appointed station agent for the Burlington railway at this place, succeeding M. D. Collins, who takes the position of operator at Superior. Hamilton has been in the service of the railway for the last 15 years. He has been operator at Geneva for the last three years.

Woman Pays Huge Tax.

Detroit, March 25.—Mrs. Alice Gray Kales has given her check for $2,627,309.05 to the internal revenue bureau office here, in payment of her supplementary income tax on the sale of minority shares of Ford Motor company stock in 1919. The payment was made by Hal H. Smith, her attorney, under protest.

Erie to Be Leased.

New York, March 25.—Stockholders of the Erie Railroad company approved proposals to lease the road to the New York Chicago & St. Louis Railway company, the final step in bringing the Erie under control of the Van Sweringen interests in their $1,000,000,000 "Nickel Plate" merger.

Group Takes Up Railroad Claim

Title to Two Pieces of Land, Totalling 2,000,000 Acres, Considered.

Washington, March 25.—Claims by the Northern Pacific Railway company to two tracts of government land approximating 2,000,000 acres were taken up today by the congressional commission investigating land grants to the company.

The government has taken the position that one tract of 1,500,000 acres should be denied the company because of the circuitous route taken by the railway in constructing its line through the state of Washington.

James B. Kerr of Portland, Ore., counsel for the company, told the commission the act of 1864, which granted the company a certain amount of land for each mile of track constructed, gave the "greatest latitude" as to the route to be chosen. He contended the route through Washington was "to a large extent" determined by the topography of the country and that it was the only route that could have been selected at the time. The Interior department and the president, he added, approved the route at the time of selection.

The other claim involving approximately 590,000 acres, was due, the company contended, because of an overlapping of grants at Wallula, Wash. The government, however, held the claim should not be granted on the ground that the company had received all land to which it was entitled in connection with the Wallula construction.

WOODROUGH AIDE BACK FROM WEST

Anton Gross, bailiff of Federal Judge Woodrough, arrived home Wednesday morning from Los Angeles, whither he and the judge journeyed February 1. Anton doesn't care for Los Angeles.

"Such flies as they have there I never saw in my life," said Gross. "They bother you all the time.

"But the people are hospitable. You can't walk half a block before some one offers you a ride. When he gets you in his car he wants to sell you a lot."

Judge Woodrough has been vacationing in Los Angeles and doing work on several big cases on the Omaha docket. He stopped in Salt Lake City to hand down decisions on cases he heard in federal court there some time ago.

HOWELL PLANS TRIP TO CANADA

Washington, March 25.—Senator Howell, republican, Nebraska, plans to visit Canada this summer to inspect the hydro-electric system in that country with a view of having a similar system organized in this country with Muscle Shoals as one of the units.

In Canada, he said, cheap power rates are available because a number of cities have pooled their electric energy into one giant system. The senator asserted that rates in this country as a rule are too high, adding that the Canadian system would serve to lower rates generally.

South High Youth Missing From Home Since Tuesday

Lawrence Clark, 17, student at South High, disappeared from home Tuesday morning, his father, F. J. Clark, 3714 South Twenty-fourth street, reported to police Tuesday night.

The youth left home at 7 Tuesday morning with his lunch, ostensibly for school.

Mussolini Asks Audience.

Rome, March 25.—Premier Mussolini has asked for an audience with King Victor Emmanuel and a conference has been set for Thursday.

Married in Council Bluffs.

The following persons obtained marriage licenses in Council Bluffs yesterday:

Edwin Hinkley, Logan, Ia.	21
Hazel Elliott, Omaha	19
John Halley, Omaha	24
Alda Watkins, Omaha	22
Ward Stevenson, Richland, Neb.	27
Hortha Smith, Schuyler, Neb.	26
Paul P. Randolph, Omaha	26
Ruth I. Evans, Omaha	21
Elmer Sapp, St. Edward, Neb.	22
Ruth Hopkins, Albion, Neb.	18
Walter A. Huelle, McClelland, Ia.	24
Viola L. Basch, McClelland, Ia.	25
Clarence M. Clemens, Waverly, Neb.	21
Hazel M. Wilson, Greenwood, Neb.	21
Homer Wild, Fremont, Neb.	21
Marian West, Fremont, Neb.	18
Vincent Placek, Prague, Neb.	28
Vlasta Prochaska, Prague, Neb.	22
Andrew Grant, Omaha	28
Margaret Rottman, Plattsmouth, Neb.	24
Frank Wilson, Blair, Neb.	21
Evelyn Bell, Blair, Neb.	18
Arthur H. Beard, Norfolk, Neb.	49
Elizabeth Eckert, Norfolk, Neb.	38

Rite Victim Branded by Own Sister

California Woman Confesses She Wielded Hot Poker Which Seared Body of Her Brother.

Grand Jury Will Probe

Oroville, Cal., March 25.—District Attorney Edgar Rothe announced today he had obtained a confession from Mrs. Edward Rhodes, sister of Herman R. Sharlow, cult branding victim, that she burned the holes into her brother's body with a red hot poker. She said it was the carrying out of the rite of their cult.

Sharlow was a willing sacrifice, according to other evidence, the district attorney claimed. It developed today that an insurance agent of Redding was ready to pay to Sharlow's widow $2,000 which he carried on his life. The manner and cause of death, according to the terms of the policy, do not affect its legality.

The district attorney will call the grand jury later in the week. He obtained today from Edward Rhodes, the branding victim's brother-in-law, at whose home the branding took place, a graphic account of the branding ritual. The investigation has been widened to determine whether there were other practices of branding, following rumors of victims being maimed at religious rites.

KREBS ADDRESSES MERCHANTS' BODY

Dr. Stanley Krebs addressed the merchants of South Omaha at the noon-day luncheon Tuesday.

Dr. Krebs is president of the Institute of Mercantile Art in New York City and Philadelphia, which was founded by the late John Wannamaker.

"All problems America has had in the past, she has met successfully and all problems America now has will be met successfully," said Dr. Krebs. "The whole world seems to be suffering from a sort of paralysis, brought on by people waiting for others to act.

"Merchants and individuals must realize the importance of focalized thought and action, and must be militant constructionists, always on the alert and ready to deny any rumors detrimental to business and belittling the government.

"The federal reserve board is the best agency in the country to avert panics and clearly showed itself to be effective during the world war."

RUM, "GAS" FAIL TO MIX, TWO JAILED

Liquor and gasoline did not mix, and as a result James E. Sullivan, 1919 South Sixteenth street, and Fred Krause, 1914 Oak street, were languishing in the county jail, Sullivan with a cut hand and Krause with a fractured right shoulder Wednesday.

The accident occurred at a curve at the foot of the hill leading from Ralston to Q street. The two young men were in a car driven by Sullivan belonging to E. C. Nickerson, manager of the Electrical and Radio Supplies, 312 South Eighteenth street. The car was almost completely demolished.

"We had been drinking," said Krause. "I wanted to get back to Omaha in time to go to work, so Sullivan essayed to drive me in. I warned him not to go so fast, but it didn't do any good. Aside from my shoulder I'm worried about the car."

FACTORY QUERIES RECEIVED HERE

More inquiries have been received by the Omaha Chamber of Commerce during the last 60 days regarding sites from prospective manufacturers than have been received in the last year, according to a report read to the executive committee Wednesday.

J. M. Gillan, secretary of the industrial committee, said two more concerns have practically decided to locate in Omaha. One manufactures iron and wire fences and gate posts and the other a special kind of cattle dip.

Real Estate Board Men Talk Appraisals at Meet

Members of the Omaha Real Estate board discussed the various phases of appraisals at their meeting at the Omaha Chamber of Commerce Wednesday noon. Talks were made by W. R. McFarland, F. H. Myers and Lynn Campbell.

Next War in Air.

Chicago, March 25.—The next war will be fought in the air some 20 years hence—it may come in 10 years—Sir Charles Higham, English advertising man, declared in addressing the English Speaking union. Chicago will be in as great danger of destruction by aerial bombs as New York or San Francisco, he declared.

Receiver Heads Road.

Kansas City, Mo., March 25.—W. T. Kemper, receiver the last seven years for the Orient railroad, will head the reorganization group that yesterday took over the road under the judgment of Federal Judge John C. Pollock, it was announced. Active management of the road will be from Wichita.

Workmen Hurt in Fall.

Toledo, O., March 25.—Five workmen who fell 10 floors into the basement of the new Park apartments under construction here, were seriously injured.

EXPLOSION KILLS SARGENT WOMAN

Grand Island, Neb., March 25.—Mrs. Frank A. Gustafson, 50, of Sargent, Neb., died early Wednesday as the result of a kerosene explosion at her home Tuesday evening, while preparing the evening meal. She attempted to hasten the slow-burning fire by pouring a small quantity of kerosene on the flames from a five-gallon can. Burns covered the entire body before her daughter could extinguish the flames from her clothing. She leaves a husband and four children.

Stock Reaction Is Checked When Prices Recover

Nothing in News to Account for Reversal, but Swiftness of Rebound Indicates Decline Overdone.

New York, March 25.—The reaction in stock prices which has been under way, with few interruptions, for the last three weeks and has canceled about half of the extreme gains recorded since election day, was checked, at least temporarily, today when prices rallied 1 to 5 points on the appearance of strong buying support.

There was nothing in the day's news to account for the complete reversal of form, but the swiftness of the rebound in many issues indicated that the decline, like the advances which preceded it, has been overdone.

Despite the strong opening tone, bear traders did not give up their efforts to force a renewal of general liquidation. A heavy selling attack was launched against Union Pacific, which was depressed to a new low for the year at 135 3-8. This selling temporarily halted the advance in other quarters and brought about moderate recessions from the early high levels in some of the speculative issues, but the market soon steadied and withstood further selling attacks, rallying briskly under the leadership of the standard industrials in the final hour.

Rails failed to participate in the advance as extensively as the industrials because of the relatively poor nature of some of the February earnings reports now being published. However, Chicago Great Western preferred, Denver & Rio Grande Western preferred and Texas & Pacific each closed at least 2 points higher, while New York Central, Atchison, Northern Pacific, Baltimore & Ohio, Chesapeake & Ohio, Rock Island, "Katy" and most of the others gained a point or so. Union Pacific rallied to 137, where it was off 2 points on the day.

STOCKMEN AID IN POPULARITY RACE

The Livestock exchange interests will start a campaign this noon to put their candidate in the lead in the Knights of Columbus popularity contest.

Miss Margaret McCoy, secretary to E. E. Grimes, manager of the joint railroad offices in the stockyards, has been selected as the representative of the stockyards in the popularity contest being conducted by the Knights of Columbus in connection with "Oom-Pah," the indoor carnival to be held at the City auditorium April 20 to 25, inclusive.

At noon today the first of a series of noon entertainments will be held in the Exchange dining room. Commission men have invited their wives to take luncheon with them and participate in the entertainment and dancing.

Miss McCoy is 26 years old and lives at 2414 South Thirty-first street.

7 PERSONS DEAD IN OIL EXPLOSION

Hamburg, Germany, March 25.—Seven persons were killed and five injured today when an oil explosion on the Hamburg harbor hurled a small freight vessel into the air.

Another freighter was sunk by the explosion and four of its crew are missing.

Summary of the Day in Washington

Luther C. White of Massachusetts was appointed superintendent of federal prisons.

The navy announced the airship Los Angeles would make trips to Bermuda and Porto Rico or Cuba.

Thomas F. Woodlock of New York was given a recess appointment as a member of the interstate commerce commission.

The Baltimore conference of the Method Episcopal church, South, voted against unification with the northern church.

Charges of "atrocities" by Chileans in Tacna-Arica were made in dispatches made public by the Peruvian embassy.

Immigration experts began a study to determine the effect of the law on immigration of South Americans of Indian blood.

President Coolidge and Chairman Borah of the senate foreign relations committee discussed the project of a new arms conference.

Sixteen senators asked the federal trade commission for information as to trade combinations being formed abroad by American interests.

American diplomatic representatives were asked for data on traffic in arms which might be helpful in the forthcoming conference dealing with the subject.

Asks Probe of Farmer Lad's Death

Declare Coroner's Theory That Youth Took Own Life Not Supported by Facts in Case.

No Cause to Shoot Self

Unless rising public feeling demands an inquest into the murder or suicide of Victor Pearson, 24-year-old farmer boy of Yutan, Neb., whose charred body was found in his burned automobile two miles east of Elkhorn Tuesday night, the tragedy will probably always remain an unsolved mystery.

Coroner Paul Steinwender announced Wednesday night that he would hold no inquest, as he believes that young Pearson shot himself.

Relatives and the fiancee of Pearson refuse to accept the suicide theory, however, and declare positively that the young man was murdered. They indicated Wednesday that they will demand that the authorities continue the investigation, which had been practically dropped. The young man's habits, they say, make the suicide theory untenable.

No Cause for Suicide.

Young Pearson's fiancee, Emma Weidman, 20, of Mead, Neb., to whom he was to have been married April 5, was insistent Wednesday in her demand that the case be sifted to the bottom. She was the last of Pearson's acquaintances to see him alive, and she declares that he was in the best of spirits when he left her home shortly after midnight Sunday, saying that he was going home.

Nothing had occurred, she said vehemently, which might have led him to take his life. He had spent the day at her home, and in the evening they went to church together. They returned to her home and discussed their wedding plans.

Miss Weidman and young Pearson's family were unable to give any direct evidence supporting the murder theory, but the authorities who declare that the youth killed himself were likewise unable to suggest any possible motive for suicide.

Wednesday some of the investigating authorities were inclined to the theory that Pearson had taken his own life. They pointed to these facts to support their claims:

1. That no one was seen in the car with Pearson while it was standing hub-deep in mud in the byroad Tuesday afternoon.

2—That a gun bearing the same number as that found by the wrecked car has been traced to an Omaha pawnshop where the dealer said he sold it Monday afternoon to a man who tallied with the description of Pearson.

3. That Pearson's car was seen parked in two different places in the vicinity he met death between 7 Tuesday morning and the time he died.

4. No known motive fur murder. Pearson never known to carry much money with him.

5. Some believe that cross-current in love might have caused an apparently melancholy mood.

Murder Theory.

Those clinging to the theory that the young farmer was murdered point to these circumstances:

1. Only 48 hours before he had planned with his sweetheart for their wedding, set for April 5; apparently he was very happy.

2. Footprints leading up mud bank from automobile debris.

3. He seemed in good spirits when he talked with his mother Monday night and told her he would be home soon.

4. That pistol was found to left of wreckage, indicating that it had been on outside of car when it was set or caught fire. Pearson did not smoke, which precludes the possibility of accident.

5. Improbability of man planning suicide to set car afire and then shooting himself.

The outstanding developments due Wednesday included locating of the pawnshop where the pistol found near the car was believed to have been bought and the statement by Otto Behnke, farmer living only a short distance from where the tragedy occurred, that he did not say that he had seen two men in the car last Tuesday.

At the pawnshop of M. Kirschenbaum, 1211 Douglas street, detectives

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Miss Ferguson Gets Medal.

Havana, Cuba, March. 25.—Miss Dorrace Ferguson, daughter of Governor Miriam A. Ferguson of Texas with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George S. Nalle, sailed for New Orleans. Miss Ferguson was given a gold medal commemorating her visit here last night at a ball in her honor. Mayor Jose M. Cuesta made the presentation.

Arms Statistics Sought.

Washington, March 25.—American diplomatic representatives in practically all foreign capitals have been asked by the state department to ascertain certain facts and statistics regarding traffic in arms which would be helpful to the United States in participation in the forthcoming Geneva conference.

The Weather

For 24 hours ending 7 p. m., March 25, 1925.

Precipitation, inches and hundredths. Total for month to date: 0.28. Total since January 1, 2.14. Deficiency: 0.28.

Hourly Temperatures.

6 a. m.	37	1 p. m.	52
7 a. m.	36	2 p. m.	54
8 a. m.	34	3 p. m.	54
9 a. m.	42	4 p. m.	53
10 a. m.	44	5 p. m.	52
11 a. m.	44	6 p. m.	52
12 noon	51	7 p. m.	50