

WOMAN RIDDEN ON RAIL BECAUSE LOT EASIER THAN THEIRS

Mrs. Minnie Richardson Tells Jury Her Neighbors Promptly Drove Her to Action. HER LIFE OF LESS DRUGGERY Buggy Riding with Brother-in-Law Aroused Resentment. COMPLAINT CROSS-EXAMINED Appearance of Defendants Bespeaks Lives of Toil. ALL ARE GARBED IN BLACK Court Room at Waukegan, Ill., Where Case from Volo is Being Tried, Crowded.

WAUKESGAN, Ill., Dec. 3.—Mrs. Minnie Richardson, who testified yesterday to having been ridden on a rail by six of her woman neighbors of the hamlet of Volo, near here, was cross-examined today. Mrs. Richardson testified that the action of the women, assisted by one man, was prompted by envy. Her husband, although a cripple, keeps the general store at Volo, and his wife was spared some of the drudgery of her neighbors and is said to have shone brighter among them regarding dress. In connection with this allegation it was observed that while the six woman defendants, every detail of whose appearance bespeaks lives of toil, were garbed in uncompromising black, the complainant's attire was relieved by a few ribbons and a gaudy comb in her hair. Among the incidents which aroused the resentment of the other women of Volo was the buggy riding of Mrs. Richardson with her brother-in-law, William Dunhill, where Dunhill is the prosecution does not know. He has not been seen in Volo since the night in which his sister-in-law played so prominent and humiliating a part. The court room was crowded and many persons were unable to get inside. John Richardson, crippled husband of the woman who was ridden on a rail, testified that small town gossip was responsible for wrecking his home. The six women defendants smiled, when the husband hobbled from the side of his pretty wife to the witness chair, but their mirth disappeared as he told his story. It was a simple story of love and trust and loyalty, there was neither malice nor resentment in it. "I don't know why they harassed about my wife, unless it was because she was pretty," said the witness. "We were happy together. I was helpless; I am a cripple and I could not move from my chair when they took her and put her on a rail."

NEW YORK MAN WILL CLAIM O'CONNOR ESTATE

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 3.—(Special Telegram.)—Edward O'Connor, 28, of Horseheads, near Elmira, N. Y., today presented claim to an estate left at Hastings, Neb., by John O'Connor, who recently expired there. O'Connor declares his father was a brother to the deceased and that he was killed July 25, 1911, while employed by the Lackawanna railroad, leaving a widow and seven children. Attorney Babcock is confident that the claim is good.

STATE FAIR ASSOCIATION IN SESSION AT CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—Approximately sixty representatives of the various state and district fair associations began a two-day session of the American Association of Fairs here today to arrange fair dates for the 1914 season and to discuss many features of the fair business. J. C. Simpson, secretary of the Minnesota state fair and president of the association, and C. N. McVane of the South Dakota state fair board were speakers.

The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Thursday: For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity: Unsettled, with probably rain; not much change in temperature. Temperature at Omaha Yesterday: Highest, 49; lowest, 27; mean, 38. Comparative Local Record: 1912, 1911, 1910. Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal: Highest yesterday, 22; lowest yesterday, 27; mean temperature, 38. Precipitation since March 1, 6.54 inches. Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal at Omaha since March 1st and compared with the past two years: Normal temperature, 31; excess for the day, 10; excess since March 1, 19.13 inches. Normal precipitation, 40.3 inches; excess for the day, 23.5 inches; precipitation since March 1, 2.36 inches; deficiency since March 1, 3.64 inches; deficiency for cor. period, 1912, 1.13 inches; deficiency for cor. period, 1910-11, 13.13 inches. Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.: Stations: Cheyenne, cloudy, 20; Denver, cloudy, 26; Des Moines, cloudy, 32; Dodge City, cloudy, 45; Lansing, clear, 14; North Platte, rain, 45; Omaha, cloudy, 31; Pueblo, cloudy, 28; Rapid City, cloudy, 29; Salt Lake City, clear, 34; Santa Fe, clear, 42; Sheridan, clear, 22; Sioux City, cloudy, 45; Valentine, cloudy, 26. L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

Alleged Leader of Counterfeiters Held For Nebraska Work

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3.—Secret service men arrested today in Oakland a prisoner who they say is W. Harry McAuley of Omaha, leader of a gang of counterfeiters which flooded the middle west with spurious \$5 notes of the Citizens National bank of Albert Lea, Minn. The prisoner refused to give his name, but denied that he is McAuley. W. Harry McAuley was indicted by the federal grand jury at Lincoln last October and about ten days ago word reached the office of the United States attorney here that the man wanted was in San Francisco. Immediately a certified copy of the indictment was sent to secret service officers there. A California officer will return the prisoner to this state, where he will be tried. While McAuley is mentioned in the telegram as being the home of McAuley, he never lived here and is not known in Nebraska as a resident. Federal officers say that he is a floater and last fall dropped into the central and western part of the state. He remained but a few days, but he scattered counterfeit bills, so it is said, all along his trail and then departed for new fields.

Zehring & Crawford Buy Turner's Holding in Omaha Theaters

C. W. Turner has sold out his theatrical interests in Omaha to Frank C. Zehring, mayor of Lincoln and manager of the Oliver opera house of Lincoln, and L. M. Crawford of Topeka, head of the Crawford syndicate of theaters. The sale consisted of Mr. Turner's holdings in the Burgess & Woodward company, lessee of the Brandeis and Boyd theaters, and the new lessees have already taken possession of these playhouses. Both Mr. Crawford and Mr. Zehring were in Omaha yesterday, but left in the evening for Kansas City without revealing any of their plans as to the Boyd theater, it being presumed that the Brandeis will be continued as a first-class house.

Crawford Appears to Lead in Dakota

PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 3.—(Special Telegram.)—The senatorial situation as shown by returns of names of republican committeemen from a large number of the counties of the state, shows up with a majority list very likely for the return of Senator Crawford, but with an active minority, in that committee not in harmony with that idea, some of the opposition, especially from the northern part of the state, being for C. A. Howard of Aberdeen and others for anyone except Crawford, but the Crawford following will without much doubt be strong enough to control the majority list. In the minority selections, the lineup will go to Congressman Burke practically solidly in case he will accept a nomination to the senate after his withdrawal from the field last September, and if not for Burke, for some of the prominent old line stalwarts of the state. For governor, the majority list is strongly for Governor Byrne so far as it has been developed by reports here, a number of the anti-Crawford committeemen expressing their intention of supporting the governor for re-nomination, and no opposition in that direction appears so far as the majority is concerned. The old line democrats of the state think they have won several points in their opposition to Ed. S. Johnson for the senate, as they secured both majority and minority delegates against him, not only in his home county of Yankton, but in several other southeastern counties, and they will fight the election organized back of Johnson at the January meeting. The only contests so far in the open in the republican majority list from Lawrence county which will send two majority delegates to the meeting in January.

Miss Wilson Heads Washington Spugs

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Miss Margaret Wilson, the president's oldest daughter, became chairman of the local "Spugs" today at a mass meeting of more than 1,000 women, at which a society for the prevention of useless giving was organized. The meeting, held under the auspices of the local branch of the National City Federation, was presided over by Mrs. Archibald Hopkins. Mrs. August Belmont and others spoke.

Lincoln Rejects New City Charter

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Dec. 3.—(Special Telegram.)—The proposed city charter was defeated yesterday in the special election. Only 679 out of 2,500 votes were recorded in its favor. Charles Bryan, brother of the secretary of state, tonight said the outcome was a great victory for public ownership advocates. In the fight both local papers and a band of the city's most prominent men were opposites Bryan and his legions.

MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATORS CHARGED WITH BRIBERY

VICKSBURG, Miss., Dec. 3.—Lieutenant Governor Bilbo and State Senator Hobbs of Mississippi were arrested here today as a result of indictments brought against them yesterday charging that they "agreed to receive \$1,000 from Castleman of Belmont for the promise of their votes in the legislature and to use influence wilfully and feloniously to pass a certain bill." Each gave bond of \$5,000. The indictments, which were not made court records until the arrest of the accused today, further charged that Bilbo and Hobbs actually received \$300 in connection with the alleged deal.

FEDERALS DRAFTING WOMEN INTO ARMY

Servant Girls of Mexico City Are Being Forced Into Military Service.

RECRUITING OFFICERS' TRICK Raid "Movies" Theater Where Films "For Men Only" Shown.

RELIGIOUS SCENES AROUSE Patrons Raise "Rough House" and Police Are Sent For.

PRISONERS MADE SOLDIERS

Penitentiary at Chihuahua Emploied of All Political Inmates Before the Government Forces Flee.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 3.—The news that General Mercado, commander of the federal forces in northern Mexico, has sent a military peace commission from Chihuahua to Juarez to treat with the rebels, while vigorously denied in official circles, is regarded as the most serious blow yet struck at federal prestige. In view of Provisional President Huerta's statements that he never would treat with the rebels, it is considered impossible that the peace commission has been sanctioned by him. At the same time, however, it is pointed out that the appointment of the commission is in line with recent suggestions made by Dr. Aureliano Urrutia, when at the head of the ministry of the interior, that overtures might be made to the rebels without government sanction.

Tampico Becomes State Capital. The seaport city of Tampico was today officially declared the temporary capital of the state of Tamaulipas. General Antonio Rabago, the military governor, was forced to abandon Ciudad Victoria and who was erroneously reported to have committed suicide, has gone to Tampico under orders from the federal government to establish his government in the temporary capital. The war department today announced Gen. Alarizendi another federal official who fled from Ciudad Victoria Cerritos in the state of San Luis Potosi, had been ordered to reorganize his forces and to march against Victoria. This task had first been entrusted to General Navarette, who retreated to Monterey after his failure to relieve the hard pressed garrison of Victoria.

Movements of Troops Hindered. On account of the nature of the organization and equipment, as well as the long distances and broken topography of the country, the federal government will find it hard to handle the various military expeditions without trains, now that the railroads have been deprived of fuel by oil producing companies. On some of the divisions of the railway system, coal may be used, and sufficient supplies of that fuel are available to operate trains for some time, but at the best, it is probable all traffic except military trains will shortly be suspended. Telegraphic communication along the line of the National railway has been re-established, but it is understood this has been done with the consent of the rebels. They are known to dominate the line south of Saltillo and to a point within seventy-five miles of San Luis Potosi.

Women Drafted Into Army. Extraordinary methods are being employed here to gain recruits for the federal army. Servant girls display caution when they appear on the streets, as they are aware that scores of their fellow-servants have been drafted into the army as female soldiers. One scheme utilized by the recruiting officers netted the federal army sixty-five conscripts in a single haul yesterday. The bill outside the moving picture show announced "For men only." The little room was crowded some time before the performance began. A series of religious pictures was thrown upon the screen, the first being "The Virgin of Guadalupe—Patron Saint of Mexico." This crowd greeted this good naturedly, but when it was followed by two other religious pictures, the men who had looked for a different kind of entertainment, started an uproar. This resulted in a raid by the police, who marched the majority of the men to the barracks, where they were at once placed in the hands of the army.

Finish Fight, Says Villa. JUAREZ, Mexico, Dec. 3.—Confident that the seven federal generals who evacuated Chihuahua City with their troops intend to seek refuge in the United States and thus be beyond danger of being taken prisoners by the rebels, General Francisco Villa today sent more rebels to attempt to intercept them. "The only place they will surrender will be in the United States," said Villa as he sat at breakfast in his Juarez headquarters today and patted an automatic revolver which lay among the spoons and forks at his plate.

Carlos A. Heberlein of Los Angeles, Cal., who came from Chihuahua with the peace commission requesting Villa to occupy the city, said before the federal left the penitentiary had been emptied of all the political prisoners. "Everything possible was done by General Mercado to treat the citizens humanely," said Heberlein. "Patience, however, was worn out. The people had been in a panic for so long they could endure it no longer. All the money had been withdrawn from the city. The repeated defeats of the federal troops as they ventured forth and came back broken, was discouraging. There was no money to pay the troops and everybody lost heart."

Express Company Reduces Dividend

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—Rivalry between the parcel post and express companies was reflected today in the reduction of the quarterly dividend of the American Express company to 2 per cent. Previously the quarterly dividend had been at the rate of 3 per cent.

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Drawn for The Bee by Powell.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Secretary McAdoo's first report to congress, delivered today, is largely confined to a review of the achievements of the Treasury department in matters that have been of national-wide interest; to recommendations for increased appropriations for bureaus under his authority and for legislation, which, he declares, is necessary to the better conduct of the government and the protection of the people. The secretary discusses at some length the subject of currency legislation, reviewing the activities in his department related to it. He speaks of an unrest in business circles following the beginning of the special session of congress in April, refers to a "propaganda of pessimism, which, designedly or not, produced a condition of extreme nervousness and tension," and points to his announcement in June that the treasury was ready to issue \$200,000,000 of emergency currency under the Aldrich-Vreeland act to prevent restriction of credits and to ease any situation.

Money for the Crops.

Mr. McAdoo details the treasury's offer to loan to banks of the country money to move the fall crops. The sum of \$46,500,000 out of \$50,000,000 estimated to be needed, was apportioned among the states. "It was essential," says the secretary. (Continued on Page Two.)

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Bandits Rob Bank; Kill the Manager

WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 3.—A report that the branch of the Bank of Montreal at Plum Coulee, in southern Manitoba, had been held up and the manager of the branch killed by robbers was received here this afternoon by telephone. Mounted police are said to be closing in on the bandits. Manager H. M. Arnold was alone in the bank when the robbers entered. He submitted at the points of revolvers, while the robbers took \$10,000 in currency from the safe. When the thieves ran from the bank building, however, Arnold armed himself and went in pursuit. The robbers turned and shot him.

The National Capital MAKE IT HOT FOR F. D. WEAD

Real Estate Exchange Members Keep Him Jumping at Meeting. REALLY AFTER WATER BOARD Champion of Its Cause is Brought to Its Defense in Postlude if Attacks by Dealers in Omaha Property.

A thorough airing was given to some of the most glaring faults of the Metropolitan Water Board and its methods by members of the real estate exchange at the regular meeting yesterday. The remarks made by various members of the exchange were all directed at F. D. Wead, member of the water board and also a member of the Real Estate exchange. Wead had to get to his feet every few minutes to defend the position of the board in this, that, and the other point, only to find that his very defense was in turn attacked by another member of the exchange. The fight started when Harry Tukey, chairman of the water committee of the exchange, reported that the committee has been unable to come to an agreement and that it had started suit against the board to overthrow the ruling of the board which demands that the property owner guarantee the water rent of the tenant. Tukey's report also recommended that the members of the exchange in the future refuse to sign the applications for water for the houses which they are renting out. "Keep Popping Up." One fault of the water board led to a discussion of other F. D. Wead related his experience in attempting to get a water main for a row of houses at the edge of Hanscom park. He said the board had refused to lay the main unless he paid \$1 a front foot for water main for some houses on Woolworth row of houses on the park side to pay the 50 cents per front foot as is required. Hans Brook reported a similar case that came up when they wanted a main for some houses on Wolworth avenue. It was pointed out that the statute forbids the board's charging more than 50 cents per front foot as a special tax for water mains, except by special contract. President F. H. Myers of the exchange related an experience in which he had tried to get water to a strip of houses and was refused unless he would lay a special main and put a meter at the head of his main. The Board of Health, he said, had ordered him to connect with the sewer, and in order to do this he had to have water. The Water Board ordered him to put a meter at the head of his private main. The city threatened to arrest the workmen who opened the street to put in this meter, and, in fact, he said, did arrest one plumber who was at work at the job and fined him \$10.

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TWENTY-SEVEN DIE IN BOSTON LODGING HOUSE

Wooden Building in Which Hundred and Seventy-Eight Are Sleeping is Destroyed. VICTIMS ON THE UPPER FLOORS Fire Starts Near Bottom of Wooden Staircase. HALLWAY DOORS ARE LOCKED Men in Front Half of Fourth Story Have No Chance. ONLY ONE BODY IS IDENTIFIED Grand Jury and Mayor Fitzgerald Begin Inquiries. MANY JUMP INTO LIFE NETS Fire Escapes Crowded with Screaming Men When Firemen Arrive—Many Escape to Roof of Adjoining Building.

BOSTON, Dec. 3.—Twenty-seven men were killed in a fire, which swept through the upper floors of the Arcadia hotel, a lodging house in the south end early today. Others are missing. Scores were taken to hospitals. Nearly all the bodies were terribly burned, making identification impossible. The victims were men in poor circumstances. Caught in the crowded bunka on the top floor of the five-story brick building and in the small rooms on the fourth floor, they were helpless. When they were aroused the stairways were in flames and there was a mad rush for fire escapes at the rear. Practically all the men were naked. Many were rescued by the firemen and police. Some escaped by walking a shaky plank, stretched to an adjoining building or by jumping across a five-foot alley to neighboring roofs. The property loss is only \$5,000. The Arcadia was located at the corner of Washington and Laconia street. The lower floors were occupied by stores. The fire apparently started in a hall way on the street floor. The flames swept up the wooden stairs and burned through the roof. According to William Walsh, the night clerk, there were 113 lodgers in the building when the fire was discovered by a passing newsboy. After turning in an alarm, he rushed into the building awakening the men with his shouts. Hall Doors Locked. The top floor was one large room, filled with cots and bunka. On the fourth floor, where the loss of life was heaviest, there were thirty tiny rooms, like cells with two bunks in each. A hallway ran through the center. Nearly all those occupying rooms on the front of the building perished. The men in the rear rooms opening on the fireescape had locked the doors when they went to bed and those in front were unable to reach the fire escape. Two more bodies were found during the forenoon, bringing the death list up to twenty-seven. The only body identified was that of George F. Adams of Boston. One of the injured is Frank Harris of Chicago. Two investigations were begun. One was undertaken by the grand jury, who viewed the scene and prepared to hear testimony regarding the manner in which the owners and lessees of the property had observed the building and fire regulations. The other was started by the building inspection department under orders from Mayor Fitzgerald. When the firemen arrived flames were shooting twenty feet in the air from the windows on the fourth and fifth floors and the fire escapes and the roof were a mass of shrieking, struggling humanity. Despite shouts of assurance from below, three men jumped from the roof and two were killed. The third, who had wrapped a mattress about himself, escaped with a few bruises. Life Nets Save Many. Life nets were quickly stretched by the firemen and many rescued in this manner. Others were taken down ladders with the flames sweeping about them. The intense heat soon drove the firemen from their ladders and made it necessary to fight the fire from the street. (Continued on Page Two.)

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