

OATHS IN COURT TAKEN FLIPPANTLY, JUDGE TELLS BAR

Too Many Vows to Tell Truth Mumbled Unintelligibly by Official Who Administers Them, Unheeded by Witness.

SMYTH FOR COMPULSORY UNION
Lawyers' Executive Declares Something Must Be Done to Regain Public Esteem for Bar.

WOULD COMPEL ALL TO JOIN IT

Too many oaths are administered in the courts "with such an air of flippancy and unconcern as almost to amount to a farce," District Judge A. C. Troup of Omaha told the Nebraska State Bar association in session at the Fontenelle hotel in presenting the report of the committee on judiciary, of which he is the chairman.

"How often have you seen the administrator of an oath mumbled in an unintelligible manner, half of the words embraced in the obligation and permit a flippant wave of the hand or a careless toss of the head to answer for the rest," said the judge.

"How often, too, have we seen a witness called to the stand to receive the oath, particularly one who may have been a frequent observer of this farcical performance we have described, throwing up his hand with a quick and sudden motion and as quickly put it down again and proceed to take his seat in the witness box before the officer has well begun the administration of the oath."

"Our committee is of the opinion," says the report, "that much might be done by the judiciary of the state and others empowered to administer oaths in judicial proceedings in deterring perjury and corruption, by impressing upon the minds and attention of witnesses and jurors, the sacred and solemn obligation they are taking upon themselves and the heinous offense of false swearing by the manner in which the oath is administered to them."

Smith for Lawyers' Organization.
C. J. Smythe, president of the association, advocated enactment of a law forming a society to which membership on the part of all lawyers should be compulsory.

"This organization should have the power to formulate a code of ethics and to make investigations of alleged offenses," declared President Smythe, "in order to bring to subsequence witnesses."

"Such an organization comprising compulsory membership of all practicing lawyers in the state would be in position to speak with great force through resolutions or through its officers on public questions and would restore the bar to the position which it deserves."

Would Regain Public Esteem.
"Something must be done to restore the profession to the public esteem and I propose incorporation of all lawyers into a society as a remedy. If not incorporation, what?"

Britain Agrees to Modify Order Upon Hospital Supplies

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—Informal assurances that the British order restricting American shipments of hospital supplies to the central powers is about to be modified, have been received by the Red Cross and preparations are being made to send through some of the equipment most needed.

American Red Cross officials began compiling specific lists of the contents of three large shipments of hospital supplies which do not include articles of rubber. It is expected authorization will be granted by the British government for their shipment to Germany, Austria-Hungary and Bulgaria.

Later lists of all supplies ready for shipment will be laid before the foreign office, which is expected to make a statement of the specific articles Great Britain has determined to exclude from the central powers.

The Weather

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.	
Hour.	Temp.
8 A. M.	32
9 A. M.	30
10 A. M.	28
11 A. M.	26
12 M.	24
1 P. M.	22
2 P. M.	20
3 P. M.	18
4 P. M.	16
5 P. M.	14
6 P. M.	12
7 P. M.	10
8 P. M.	8
9 P. M.	6
10 P. M.	4
11 P. M.	2
12 M.	0

Comparative Data.			
1915.	1914.	1913.	1912.
Highest today	32	32	34
Lowest today	2	15	22
Mean temperature	17	27	32
Precipitation	0.01	0.09	0.0
Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal.			
Normal temperature	32		
Deficiency for the day	4		
Total deficiency since March 1	58		
Normal precipitation	0.03		
Deficiency for the day	0.02		
Total rainfall since March 1	0.02		
Deficiency since March 1	0.24		
Deficiency for cor. period, 1914.	0.33		
Deficiency for cor. period, 1913.	0.48		

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.
Station and State Temp. High. Rain-fall.
Cheyenne, cloudy 23 24 .00
Davenport, clear 20 24 .00
Denver, cloudy 20 24 .00
Des Moines, clear 22 24 .00
Dodge City, part cloudy 22 24 .00
North Platte, snow 22 24 .00
Omaha, clear 24 24 .00
Rapid City, part cloudy 24 24 .00
Sheridan, snow 24 24 .00
Sioux City, cloudy 24 24 .00
Valentine, snow 24 24 .00
T. Indicator is of precipitation.
L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

LETTER READ AT CALDWELL RITES

Communication Written by Banker Best Expresses High Character of Man, Says Rector.

CHURCH CROWDED BY FRIENDS

By reading an old letter from Victor B. Caldwell, Rev. Thomas J. Mackay made an unusual departure yesterday at All Saints' church in the Episcopal funeral service for the deceased president of the United States National bank.

It was a most impressive and touching service, attended by a crowd of men and women of many races and creeds, which completely filled the church. The reading of the letter was an incident that emphasized the high character, broadmindedness, magnanimity, kindness and charity that marked the life of the departed financier and churchman.

Mr. Caldwell wrote the letter to Dr. Mackay last spring, while the rector was ill and the bank president, who was junior warden of the church vestry, had been forced to seek rest and recreation from the strain of his duties in connection with the bank and its new building.

Letter Expresses Character.
Writing primarily to apologize to the minister for being unable to call upon him during his illness, Mr. Caldwell opened his heart to the rector in a burst of personal thoughts, which showed the true character of the banker better than other words could express, Rev. Dr. Mackay declared.

The latter made only a brief eulogy in addition to reading the letter. Many eyes were dimmed with tears when he finished. He tenderly laid a laurel wreath upon the brow of the deceased, who was a close personal friend of the rector, as well as an active member of the parish and a staunch supporter of church and charity work.

There was added sentiment in the fact that the body was carried to its final resting place by six of Mr. Caldwell's fellow officers and employees, who served under him in the bank for many years. Twenty-one Omaha friends and associates in Mr. Caldwell's many activities and three bankers from Chicago and Denver, acted as honorary pallbearers.

Masses of Flowers.
So many floral tributes were sent by friends and organizations of Omaha and other cities that all could not be placed in the church and many had to be piled in window ledges along the sides. A quartet sang "Peace, Perfect Peace," "Lead, Kindly Light," and other selections. The funeral cortege was by auto to Prospect Hill cemetery, where Rev. Dr. Mackay conducted the burial in the Caldwell family lot.

Bankers from State.
The following were among the prominent bankers of the state who came to Omaha to attend the funeral and thus pay their tribute to the memory of the departed financier: Thomas Murray, Dunbar, president of the Nebraska Bankers' association; J. C. McNish, Wiener, past president of the state association; Ed F. Gallagher, O'Neill; T. J. Kastle, North Bend; T. L. Matthews, E. R. Gurney and F. B. Knapp, Fremont; H. D. Wilson, E. A. Duff and R. O. Marnell, Nebraska City; G. E. Williams, Aurora; C. F. Treuting, Mullen.

Scores of other state bankers wired their regret that illness or press of business made it impossible for them to attend the funeral.

Successor Will Be Chosen by Mr. Caldwell
Because of the funeral leaders in the executive committee of the Omaha Commercial club decided to postpone their regular meeting, scheduled for the noon hour. Some were honorary pallbearers, and many of the others also attended the services.

Successor Next Month.
No successor will be chosen to Mr. Caldwell until the annual meeting of the bank to be held the second Tuesday in January. Until then, the bank will be without a president, so far as formality is concerned, Milton T. Barlow, vice president and chairman of the board of directors, who is president of the bank until a year ago, is temporarily performing the duties of the presidency again.

Bandit Shot by Banker is Dead

HUGO, Tex., Dec. 28.—Claude Jones, who with Walter McFarland robbed the Bank of Grant at Grant, Okla., near here yesterday, died today of gunshot wounds. McFarland's condition is serious and his recovery is doubtful. Jones and McFarland were shot by Cahler Webb while they were making away with about \$4,000 of the bank's funds. The money was recovered.

RAIL RATE RAISE IN MISSOURI SUSPENDED
JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 28.—The Missouri Public Service commission today suspended its recent order providing for increases in passenger and certain freight rates.

The order provided that the rates should become effective January 1, 1916. Under the suspension issued today the rates become effective March 1. The rates were suspended as a result of the petitions by trunk railways filed yesterday asking for a rehearing of the rate cases. The railroad object, among other things, to the requirement that they issue interchangeable and transferable mileage tickets at 2 cents a mile. They also objected to the freight rates in some instances as being insufficient and in other cases as being discriminatory against intra-state traffic.

MISS MABEL BOARDMAN, president of the American Red Cross, has appealed against Great Britain's recent decree prohibiting the sending of rubber gloves for doctors and nurses in Germany.



ESTABROOK IS OUT FOR PRESIDENCY

Name to Be Filed at Lincoln Today by the Estabrook League of Nebraska.

GIVES OUT BROAD PLATFORM
Henry D. Estabrook of New York, formerly of Omaha, is now a candidate for the office of president of the United States, subject to the republican primaries.

The Estabrook League of Nebraska is prepared to file its petition with the secretary of state at Lincoln today. Jesse V. Craig of Lincoln, Franklin A. Shotwell and Harry O. Palmer of Omaha, president, vice president and secretary of the Estabrook League of Nebraska, are to go to the state house today and file the petition.

Mr. Estabrook has replied to the league's letter which told of his intent to file his name, and in his reply has formally confirmed their action in filing his name.

"Protection, prosperity and preparedness," Mr. Estabrook briefly gives as his broad platform, in his letter of confirmation or ratification of the league's action. He says, however, that he is in sympathy with the complaint of agriculture that it has too frequently been compelled to sell in a free trade market and buy in a protected market. "We cannot justly compel the farmer to buy of his neighbors if we do not compel his neighbors to buy of him."

Warden Osborne of Sing Sing Indicted Upon Many Charges
WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Dec. 28.—Thomas Mott Osborne, warden of the Sing Sing prison was indicted on six counts this afternoon by the Westchester county grand jury which had been investigating conditions at the prison.

Osborne has been called the "millionaire warden of Sing Sing." He became widely known for many innovations he introduced into the conduct of the prison. The first count of the indictment charged that Osborne absented himself from the prison. The second embraced allegations that the warden failed to perform the duties imposed upon him; that he failed to prevent felonies in the prison and that he failed to report immorality among prisoners.

RUMOR GERMANY TO STATE TERMS

Geneva Hears Hollow Will Come to Vienna with Full Conditions of Peace.

STORY COMES FROM VIENNA
GENEVA (Via Paris), Dec. 28.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Vienna says:

"Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg is expected in Vienna shortly with the full conditions under which the Central powers will accept peace. After discussing the terms with Baron von Burian, the Austrian foreign minister, the conditions will be officially communicated to the allies, Germany suggesting that the first conference be held at The Hague."

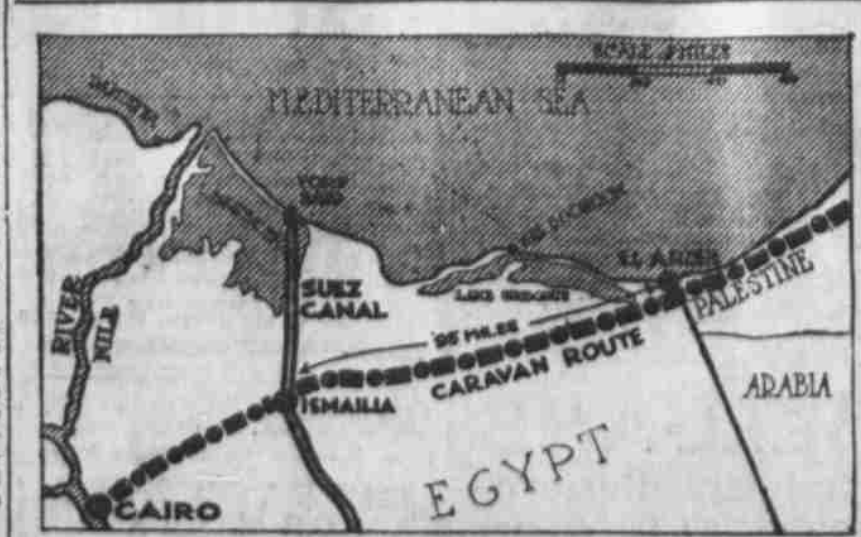
The Day's War News

GREEK OFFICIAL CIRCLES ARE SAID TO FEEL NOW THAT THERE IS SMALL CHANCE OF MILITARY OPERATIONS EXTENDING TO GREEK MACEDONIA, AS THERE IS NO INDICATION OF AN ADVANCE BY THE CENTRAL POWERS.

PETROGRAD REPORTS A SUCCESSFUL NAVAL OPERATION OFF THE BULGARIAN BLACK SEA COAST.
FURTHER DISPATCHES today regarding the torpedoing of the French steamer Ville de Clotat confirm previous reports that eighty lives were lost when it was sunk. The survivors are given as numbering 208.

NEAR HARTMAN-WELERKOPF, IN THE VOEGES, THE FRENCH HAVE BEGUN A NEW OFFENSIVE MOVEMENT, ACCORDING TO TODAY'S STATEMENT BY THE GERMAN WAR OFFICE.
WESTENDE, ON THE BELGIAN coast, has again been bombarded by allied monitors, Berlin reporting that three residents, two of them women, were killed.

ROUTE TURKISH AND GERMAN FORCE IS TAKING IN ADVANCE ON SUEZ CANAL



The map shows the caravan route which the Turco-German forces, 400,000 strong, are expected to attempt to follow in the advance on the Suez canal.

MALCOLM M'DOUGALL, MILLIONAIRE, IS DEAD
SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 28.—Malcolm McDougall, millionaire lumberman and farmer, died today in the Carmelite convent here, which he founded and of which his sister, known as Mother Cyril, is superior. He was 75 years old. It is estimated that he gave at least \$200,000 to the convent.

INDICT CONGRESS MEMBER AS AIDE IN GERMAN PLOT

Buchanan, Ex-Representative Fowler, Former Attorney General Monnett Among Eight Named in Bill.

FOMENT SHELL PLANT STRIKES

Men Accused of Conspiring to Cause Trouble in Munitions Factories.

KAISER FURNISHED THE MONEY

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Eight men, including a congressman, a former congressman and a former attorney general of Ohio, were indicted today by a federal grand jury on a charge of conspiracy to foment strikes in American munitions factories as part of a campaign, financed by the German government, to check the exportation of munitions to the entente allies.

The men indicted were Congressman Frank Buchanan of Illinois, former Congressman H. Robert Fowler of Illinois, Frank S. Monnett, former attorney general of Ohio; H. B. Martin, Herman Schultze, Frank von Rintelen, David Lamar and Jacob C. Taylor.

Lamar Is Paymaster.
All of the men except von Rintelen were Lamar ex-officers or former officers of Labor's Peace council. The government charged that this organization was financed by Frank von Rintelen, a German agent, to instigate strikes in munitions plants, while ostensibly working in the interests of international peace. Von Rintelen is at present a prisoner of war in England. Lamar, known as the "Wolf of Wall Street," is said to have been his paymaster.

No warrants were issued for the arrest of any of the indicted men as District Attorney H. Snowden Marshall stated that he had reason to believe most of the defendants would appear voluntarily to enter pleas.

None of the men resides in New York. The majority are either in Chicago or Washington and are expected to appear tomorrow before United States commissioners in those cities to give bonds for their appearance in court here.

Monnett Indictment Sensation.

The indictment of Monnett was the sensation of the grand jury proceedings. The bills against his seven co-defendants had been predicted for several weeks, but Monnett's name had never been mentioned. According to officials, Monnett, Fowler, Buchanan and Lamar were indicted as the leaders in the alleged conspiracy. Von Rintelen was the financier and Lamar the paymaster, while Schultze, Martin and Taylor are accused of doing the actual work of attempting to bribe union leaders.

Schultze and Martin are well known lobbyists. Both were connected with the anti-trust league and are said to have been active in the campaign.

Barnes Denied New Trial and Ordered to Pay Costs to Teddy

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 28.—Former President Theodore Roosevelt today was allowed \$4,425 against William Barnes, republican leader, for costs and disbursements in the \$50,000 libel suit unsuccessfully brought by Barnes.

It was agreed by attorneys that Roosevelt could have exacted \$2,000 more because of the extraordinary length of the trial, but he asked only the actual court costs incurred.

Justice Andrews, who tried the case, also signed a new order refusing to set aside the jury verdict and denying a new trial.

Woman Drowns Her Two Little Boys

MILFORD, Conn., Dec. 28.—Mrs. Edward Krause threw her two small sons in the Milford reservoir and jumped in after them today. The boys, Sidney, 6, and Edward, 5, were drowned, but the mother was saved by two men who happened to be passing.

Mrs. Krause was taken to a hospital to receive mental examination. She said she acted under the belief that her husband had been killed in an automobile accident.

According to Krause, his wife had acted peculiarly on several occasions and when today she said she was going to do away with herself he did not pay much attention to her.

ITALY PASSENGER LINER TORPEDOED

Unconfirmed Report from Rome Says Unidentified Steamship Sunk.

EIGHT LIVES RUMORED LOST

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The submarine which rose to the surface shortly after the French steamer Ville de la Clotat was torpedoed off the island of Crete, flew the Austrian flag, according to a dispatch to Reuters' telegram company from Malta today.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—An unconfirmed report from Rome that an unidentified Italian passenger steamship was torpedoed while on its way to Catania, Sicily, with a loss of eight lives, reached the State department late today. It was not reported whether any American vessels were aboard. The American embassy at Rome is investigating.

Japanese Ships Change Route.
TOKIO, Dec. 28.—On account of the war dangers to vessels which pass through the Suez canal and the Mediterranean, the Japan Mail Steamship company, which controls the bulk of the shipping of this country, has decided to abandon the customary route and dispatch its steamships around the Cape of Good Hope from Colombo, Ceylon. The voyage to England will be lengthened a fortnight. Vessels from Europe to the Orient will follow the same course.

The sinking of the French steamship De la Clotat has intensified the feeling aroused in Japan by the torpedoing of the Japanese liner Yasaka Maru. Advice received here corroborate previous reports that the Yasaka Maru was sunk without warning. The Japan mail steamship company's agents at Port Said reports that three times the usual number of lookouts were on duty and that they saw nothing before the explosion occurred.

The Japanese cruisers Tokwa and Chitose are to sail tomorrow from Yokosuka on a secret mission. It is believed they will go to the south seas.

Eighty Drown on French Ship.
LONDON, Dec. 28.—The number of survivors from the French steamship Ville de la Clotat, whose sinking in the Mediterranean by a submarine was announced yesterday, was given in a Reuters dispatch from Malta as 208. The dispatch confirms previous reports that eighty persons lost their lives. The steamship was off the island of Crete when sunk.

King of Italy is Reported Wounded by Hand Grenade

BERLIN, Dec. 28.—A report that King Victor Emmanuel of Italy has been wounded by an Austrian grenade and is in a hospital, was given out today by the Overseas News agency, which describes the reports as a "sensational rumor." The News agency adds:

"There is a general dislike of the war in Italy and it is said that if only the right man were at the head of the government it would make peace in spite of the London agreement."

"Another sensational rumor is that a general, who was an intimate of the king, has been shot for maintaining relations with the enemy."

Bandits Shot While Trying to Hold Up a St. Joe Card Game

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 28.—"Skato" Young of South Dakota, was killed and John Luffy of Tulsa, Okla., probably was fatally wounded by Dick Wade, when they attempted to holdup what officers said was a gambling house here early today.

Wade was playing cards when the men entered and commanded "hands-up." Wade dropped below the table and Young fired. Wade replied from beneath the table, with an automatic pistol.

Rosewater Attends Economic Session

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—(Special Telegram.)—Victor Rosewater, editor of The Omaha Bee, arrived in Washington today from New York to attend the meeting of the American Economic association which is holding its sessions jointly with the Pan-American Scientific congress.

Mr. Rosewater, who has been a member of the American Economic association for many years, took great delight in meeting his old associates, including a number of professors of Johns Hopkins and Columbia. Mr. Rosewater plans to leave for Omaha tomorrow.

Court League of World Incorporated

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 28.—Papers incorporating the World's Court league were filed with the secretary of state today.

The World's Court league proposes establishment of an international court of justice for the arbitration of international differences and the lessening of the chances of war.

VIENNA WILL NOT MEET VIEWS OF UNITED STATES

Unofficial Advice Received at Washington Say Austria is Preparing for Break in Relations.

AMERICA WILL STAND PAT

There Will Be No Discussion of Admissions of Austrian Admiralty Unless They Are Repeated.

AUSTRIAN NOTE NEARLY READY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Austria, according to unofficial information received in authoritative quarters here today, will not meet the demands of the United States in its forthcoming reply to the Ancona note and Teutonic diplomatic circles are represented as being prepared for a severance of diplomatic relations.

Although the State department so far has received from Ambassador Penfield at Vienna no forecast of the reply, it is understood that unless some excellent reason for continuing diplomatic correspondence on the subject was presented, no course seems to remain but to break off relations.

State department officials are expecting information about the reply which might have been secured by Ambassador Penfield during informal conferences with Baron von Burian, Austro-Hungarian minister of foreign affairs. Advice received recently through Baron Erich Zwiadnek, the Austrian charge here, were to the effect that Austria would be "guided by concern" for the good relations existing between the two countries.

The position of the State department is that there can be no discussion over the official admissions of the Austrian admiralty, which formed the basis of the correspondence, unless Austria denies the occurrence of that statement.

Cabinet Holds Long Session.
PARIS, Dec. 28.—Unconfirmed advice from Vienna, as published by the Petit Journal, say the impression prevails in Austro-Hungarian governmental circles that the forthcoming reply to the second American note regarding the Ancona incident, will bring about a diplomatic rupture between the two nations.

The Petit Journal's dispatch, forwarded from Geneva, says:

"According to advice from Vienna the Austro-Hungarian answer to the American note was the subject of a long discussion Sunday night between Premier Tisza of Hungary and the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, Baron von Burian. The foreign minister also conferred with Dr. C. T. Dumba, former Austro-Hungarian ambassador at Washington."

"Although no definite decision has yet been reached, the impression in governmental circles is that the answer will bring about a diplomatic rupture."

Greek Steamship Thessaloniki Safe

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Apprehension for the safety of the Greek steamer Thessaloniki was removed today when a radio message was received from the steamer. The message stated that the Thessaloniki was 300 miles from Sandy Hook at 1:30 p. m. today and was in no danger.

For four days there had been no word of the Thessaloniki. It sent out a call for assistance last Wednesday, stating its boiler room and other portions of the ship had been partially flooded in a heavy storm. The Italian steamship Stamballa started for the Thessaloniki, but a later message from the Greek steamer said no assistance was required.

Since then it was known that the Thessaloniki had encountered another storm, but no word was received from it until today.

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