

COFFEY OUTTALKS MEN AGAINST HIM

Delivers Two-Hour Address on Labor Topics and No Fight Left in Opponents.

NORMAN SHOWS HE'S THERE

Little interchange of Repartee About All Fireworks that Explode at Much-Advertised Platform Duel.

A terrible grumbling, planned for Secretary Frank M. Coffey of the Nebraska Federation of Labor before the Omaha Central Labor union, largely fluffed out, George Norman told Coffey that he would not "trust him across the street," to which Coffey replied that what Mr. Norman thought caused him no loss of sleep, and the fireworks were exploded.

It appeared that the central labor union has harbored a grudge against Secretary Coffey for refusing to publish a communication in the federation paper. Coffey said the publication would merely "have advertised to the state that there was another division in the councils of labor" and that he deemed it proper to suppress it.

No Carrying for Coffey.

"If you don't like the way I'm running the paper, you may have the job," said Coffey, "but as long as I'm running it I'll run it the way I think it ought to be run. My opinion is not for sale or trade and it can't be bribed."

Coffey talked for nearly two hours before the delegates to the union were given an opportunity to present their "grievances." He discussed the proposed amendments to the workmen's compensation law and the actions of the executive committee of the Federation of Labor.

I was opposed to the workmen's compensation law as passed," said Coffey, "but we gained four years by passing it, for we can amend it if we go about it in the right manner of Employer.

Over the question, "How can the solvency of an employer be guaranteed, so that the workman can collect under the compensation law?" lengthy arguments were made, and no conclusions reached. Under the present law the compensation doctrine may be adopted or rejected by the employer and the employee has a chance to sue and then fall back on the compensation.

Coffey recited the amendments agreed upon by the executive committee of the state federation.

Ad clubs, welfare commissions and the "rotary clubs" were roared by Secretary Coffey. He said they detested to their members the advertising peddlers they should patronize.

The coming session of the legislature, said Coffey, can make a master stroke by providing for a state printing office. Such an office, he said, would save the state thousands of dollars and do away with a lot of political printing jobs that were a great job.

J. D. Murphy, delegate from the Boiler-makers' union, secured the passage of a resolution recommending to the legislature that the city charter of Omaha be amended to change the present qualifications for the office of city boiler inspector. The purpose of the change is to place the office in the hands of practical boiler-makers. He said the office has served ten years as a boiler-maker and has been employed at his trade within three years of his appointment to the place.

W. A. Christman, a Central Labor union man, not a boiler-maker, now holds the office.

State Representative Jerry Howard appeared to tell the union that he was the people's servant and intended to introduce a minimum wage bill at the next legislature. He invited the laboring men to get busy if they were interested in this bill. The matter was referred to the several local boards and reported back at the meeting on the second Friday in February.

Louis V. Guys, speaking on the complaint of the motion-picture operators' union, suggested that the Hipp and Princess theaters be boycotted until they had come into the union.

Life Imprisonment for Frank Green, Says the Trial Jury

The jury in criminal court last night returned a verdict in the case of the state against Frank Green, colored, charged with murder and fixed the punishment at life imprisonment.

Following a quarrel last summer, Green stabbed and killed his wife. He was charged with first degree murder and without bonds, held to the district court.

Washington Affairs

Efforts to fix today as the time to vote on the house immigration bill or amendments failed in the senate on objection of Senator O'Gorman. Senator Smith of South Carolina announced, however, that he would favor his usual rush of the bill unless it was successful in fixing a limit on the debate.

Kyron T. Herrick, former ambassador to France, left for New York to discuss with business men the formation of a central committee to have general supervision over the collection of funds for the relief of European war sufferers. He called at the White House prior to his departure, and was given a letter of introduction by Secretary Bryan.

Pulls Receiver Down And Alarm Turned In

SAPULPA, OKL., Dec. 19.—Kate Nurvell, a telephone operator at Mounds, seven miles south of here, set before the grand jury today, the annunciator of No. 413 dropped. Miss Nurvell plugged it and called, "Number, please." There was no answer. She started to replace the drop when she heard a woman's voice say: "Don't! I'll tell you where it is."

Alarmed, Miss Nurvell called the police, who went to the house of Fred Allen, a hardware dealer, and found a negro checking Mrs. Allen because she would not tell him where she kept the family valuables. Mrs. Allen was alone in the house. In her struggle with the negro she pulled the receiver down, which gave the signal to the telephone office.

French Claim Advance; TAKE TEUTON TRENCHES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Additional details of the French advance in Flanders and northern France, announced today by the war office, were given in official dispatches to the embassy here. The message said:

"We have reached the road from Tomberlay-Les-Bains to the east of Steenstraete. We have captured the enemy's trenches, taken 500 yards, made 100 prisoners and gained three mitrailleuses.

"In the region of Bischoote we have gained 500 yards, made eighty prisoners and taken three mitrailleuses. The north of Notre Dame De Consolation our progress has been about 500 yards."

Boles to Succeed Dillon.

Reports from Los Angeles have it that Waller Boles will succeed Frank Dillon as manager of the Los Angeles team under the new ownership. Whether Dillon will go to San Francisco with the Berrys and succeed Del Howard is not stated.

MISS LUCILLE PUGH, the fair Portia who won a decree for her client, Mrs. Kathryn Brown Decker, shown at right, in woman's garb, in contrast with costume of the lady lawyer who affects men's styles.



CHARITY FORCES KEPT BUSY

Mrs. Doane, Secretary, Asks for More Assistance in Her Work.

WILL INVESTIGATE ALL CASES

Urges the Benevolent People of Omaha to Let Association Handle All Cases, Rather Than for Individuals to Do It.

Mrs. George W. Doane, secretary of the Associated Charities, has her hands full these days and her force is kept on the move handling all the charity cases which are brought to their attention. Hundreds are applying for work and many are seeking for relief, calls coming also on the telephone from all quarters.

Mrs. Doane urges the benevolent people of Omaha to make their contributions through her office, rather than to try to help individual cases. The machinery of the Associated Charities is at the disposal of the people of Omaha, who are assured that their money will be placed where it will go farthest, and given only to those known to be worthy.

Mrs. Doane told of a distressing case of a mother and eight children, whose ages range from 17 to 5 years. The father, a laborer, is dissipated, and not only does not support his family, but abuses them. He has not been regularly employed for nearly a year. Mrs. Doane has ordered coal and food for the use of the family, and is taking steps to require the husband to contribute to their support. The mother is a neat little woman, very industrious and deserving. She does her best to earn something by washing and ironing. This is a typical case. There are all too many like it at this time. The situation calls for the earnest consideration of every benevolent person.

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OUR NEWEST MODEL SANITARY KITCHEN CABINET. Exactly like illustration. The special features are sliding nickeloid metal top, sanitary metal and glass flour bin with sifter, metal sugar bin, metal cake box, wire sliding shelves and handy apron cans. China compartment, white enamel lined. Fully worth \$18.95. Our very low price... **\$18.95**

AN AMAZING VALUE IN A SOLID OAK DRESSER—This dresser is constructed entirely of genuine solid oak, finished golden. Base has three roomy drawers, fitted with wood pulls. The mirror is oblong and made of French beveled plate, set in neat curved standards. Specially priced while a small quantity lasts, at... **\$6.25**

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A WELL MADE AND DURABLE CHILD'S ROCKER—Seat measures 9 1/2 x 1 1/2 inches and stands 26 inches high. This is not a toy, but a fairly old-fashioned rocker. Will especially please little girls. Only 100 of them at the low price quoted.

A RARE BARGAIN IN A SOLID OAK EXTENSION TABLE—Beautifully finished in golden and splendidly constructed throughout. Has large size 42-inch top, which extends to six feet. The pedestal is heavy and supported by four handsomely carved claw feet. Greatly underpriced for this week's selling at, only... **\$9.35**

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SOLID OAK DINING CHAIR—Has broad panel back, roomy seat, stoutly braced and upholstered in guaranteed Imperial leather. Beautifully finished in golden. Our very low price for this week only... **\$1.59**

EXTRA MASSIVE SOLID OAK PEDESTAL—Finished or gilded or golden and stands 38 inches high. Has a heavy column and broad flat base and top. A limited number on sale at, only... **\$1.98**

THE IMPROVED MARVEL DRESS FORM—Easily adjusted to any desired measurement. Just the thing for fixing over old dresses. It will instantly duplicate any feminine figure. Specially priced for this week's selling. **\$12.65**

Greatest Sewing Machine Value In Omaha. Exactly like illustration. Cabinet made of the choicest selected quarter-sawn oak. Has six roomy drawers, automatic drop head, and absolutely guaranteed for ten years. We are not allowed to sell it under its real name, but it is a celebrated make, selling at other stores at almost double our price. Complete with all accessories and attachments. At this low price... **\$21.00**

Back Adjust Without Leaving Seat

SOLID COMFORT RECLINING ROCKER—A patented rocker equipped with foot rest. Upholstered in Imperial leather over steel spring construction. Frame is made entirely of solid oak. Has adjustable back. Cannot be duplicated for double the price... **\$6.98**

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HIGH GRADE FOLDING CARD TABLE—30-inch square top, covered with billiard cloth or imitation leather. Frames are of birch mahogany, solid oak, finished fumed. Brass corner fittings. Folds completely as shown... **\$1.95**

Two Are Indicted in Baff Murder Case

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Two brothers, Joseph and Jacob Conen, poultry men, were indicted late today by the grand jury investigating the murder of Ernest Baff, a wholesale poultry dealer, controlling stores in New York, Boston and Philadelphia, who was shot dead in the street three weeks ago by men who escaped in an automobile. The charge against them was assault in the first degree, but so important were their indictments considered by the police that Assistant Attorney Delehanty asked Judge Malone before the pair were arraigned in the court of general sessions to hold them for bail of \$5,000 each, in default of which they were remanded to the Tombs.

Mr. Delehanty intimated that the present indictment was only a means of holding them and predicted that on Monday the men who actually killed Baff and "those higher up" who hired them would be under arrest. By that time, he said, the police department's investigation would be virtually ended.

Culls from the Wire

Arthur Hodges, 21 years old, was electrocuted in the Arkansas penitentiary at Little Rock. Hodges was the first white man to die in this manner in Arkansas.

The receivers of the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad were authorized by Judge Hanborn in the St. Louis district court, to borrow \$3,000,000 on receivers' certificates, paying 4 per cent interest.

A plan for universal peace was made at Chicago by David Starr Jordan, president of Leland Stanford university, who said in an address to the Southern club that the United States was the only world conscience left.

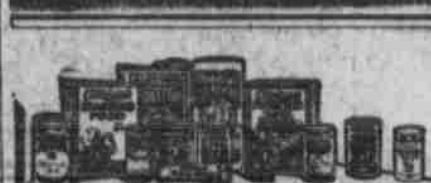
William Cobby, former president of the Collieries Loan company, pleaded not guilty when arraigned at Boston on an indictment charging larceny of \$20,000 from the company. He furnished \$25,000 bail.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

We wish you "many happy returns"—but happiness is really only a reflection of health. It depends largely on the digestion. If you are poorly as a result of a weak stomach, inactive liver or clogged bowels we urge a trial of

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