

MOB ATTACKS DRY AGENTS

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Entry of Officers into Gilroy, Cal., with Contraband Goods Heralded by Blowing of Whistles.

San Francisco.—Federal prohibition agents were attacked by about 500 persons at Gilroy, Cal., and two of the officers were struck by missiles, John Exnicios, supervising federal prohibition enforcement agents, announced. The officers came in Gilroy with an auto loaded with liquors seized in various raids between San Francisco and Watsonville. On their arrival at Gilroy a crowd gathered, and, according to Exnicios, attempted to mob the agents and destroy the liquor. He said their entry into Gilroy was heralded by the blowing of whistles. According to the reports of those involved, most of those in the mob were of foreign extraction.

Hog Cholera Rages in Northwest Iowa
Sioux City, Ia.—Hog cholera is raging in epidemic form throughout northwestern Iowa and with special virulence in the vicinity of Sioux City, according to information supplied by G. P. Statter, veterinarian, who has been aiding in the suppression of the disease.

It is roughly estimated that several thousand swine either have been or now are affected with cholera. More than 300 hogs in the vicinity of Sioux City have perished within ten days, at the commencement of which period cholera was first detected in this territory, according to the statement of Dr. Statter.

Immediate use of preventives administered through vaccination is urged by the bureau of animal industry and all the veterinarians in Sioux City are engaged in the federal service. If stock breeders object to incurring the expense of professional treatment they are advised to procure the remedies themselves and administer them to their stock.

Between Sioux City and Bronson, Ia., on three farms 500 cases of hog cholera have been reported. Of the infected herds 100 have died, and as many cases still exist further losses are expected.

Five miles north of Sioux City in Plymouth county 200 swine are infected. The situation in that neighborhood is regarded with much gravity, as heavy losses can scarcely be avoided, said Dr. Statter. On two farms in that neighborhood conditions are especially threatening. Fifty animals have died on one farm. In the vicinity of Sergeant Bluffs, Ia., cholera outbreaks have occurred on a number of farms. The losses in that locality have not been reported.

Several serious outbreaks of the disease are reported on farms in Sioux county. Conditions in that neighborhood are decidedly threatening. "Farmers do not appear to realize the danger until large numbers of their swine before infected," said Dr. Statter. "They ought to vaccinate all their stock at once, as it will be the means of saving many of them. The veterinarians, those in private practice as well as those in the employ of the government, are doing all within their power to check the spread of the epidemic and to save as many of the diseased animals as possible."

Half Million Visit Coney Island.

New York.—Half a million persons, police estimate, visited Coney Island Sunday, the largest crowd of the season, and fully 150,000 of them went swimming. At 7 o'clock in the morning 3,000 enterprising individuals were lined up waiting for the bathhouses to open and by noon every available locker had been taken. An enterprising moving van driver was arrested for converting his huge truck into a bathhouse.

Great Crowd at Hay Funeral.

Gildden, Ia.—They laid Private Merle D. Hay away in the soil that he loved and fought for, and where friends who loved him can keep watch over his last resting place. Ten thousand persons gathered at Gildden, Ia., and paid their last respects to the first Iowa soldier to die in France, and with Corporal James B. Gresham and Private Thomas Enright, one of the first three members of the A. E. F. to fall.

Passenger Killed in Airplane Fall.
Washington, D. C.—Capt Kraitich, of this city, was killed in the fall of a commercial airplane in which he was a passenger.

Prisoners Given Free Shaves.

Cleveland, O.—Prisoners who desire to dress up and retain a fastidious appearance can do so by taking advantage of the opportunity offered them at the Cuyahoga county jail. A barber shop is maintained without expense to its patrons and every prisoner is encouraged to make use of it.

INDICTMENT HITS GOVERNOR SMALL

Illinois Executive Is Charged With Embezzling \$500,000 State Funds.

FOUR TRUE BILLS RETURNED

Lieutenant Governor Sterling Is Charged With Taking \$700,000 of the People's Money—Verne S. Curtis, Banker, Also Named.

Springfield, Ill., July 22.—Gov. Len Small and Lieut. Gov. Fred E. Sterling were indicted by the Sangamon county grand jury on charges of embezzlement and conspiracy to misappropriate public moneys.

Verne S. Curtis, president of the Grant Park Trust and Savings bank, was named in two other indictments charging similar offenses.

In all, four indictments were returned. Two are joint indictments charging the three with embezzling \$700,000 of the state's money and the third charges conspiracy and confidence game by means of which the defendants unlawfully obtained \$2,000,000 of state funds.

Governor Small and Lieutenant Governor Sterling are also named in separate indictments charging the former with embezzlement of \$500,000 while state treasurer, from 1917 to 1919, and the lieutenant governor with misappropriation of \$700,000 while holding the office from 1919 to 1921.

The true bills were returned before Judge E. S. Smith in the circuit court. The bonds of Governor Small and Lieutenant Governor Sterling were fixed at \$150,000 and those of Curtis at \$100,000.

Grand Jury's Charges.

The grand jury's report charging misuse of state funds, in part, follows: "The undersigned, the regular grand jury of Sangamon county, who were instructed by this court to inquire into the handling of state moneys by former state treasurers, beg leave to report that we have devoted two weeks to that work and in the course of our investigations have examined many witnesses.

"As the result of our investigation we return herewith a number of indictments.

"From the evidence submitted it appears that the treasury of the state of Illinois carries large daily balances, and that during the administration of Fred E. Sterling these balances have ranged from \$20,000,000 to \$32,000,000.

"During the administrations of Len Small and Fred E. Sterling as treasurers of the state of Illinois, the law then in force in this state required the state treasurer to deposit all moneys received by him on account of the state within five days after receiving same in such banks in the cities of the state as in the opinion of the treasurer were secure and which paid the highest rate of interest to the state for such deposits.

"We find that both the letter and spirit of that law was violated. Instead of loaning the state moneys to all secure banks of the state, without discrimination, and to such of them which paid the highest rate of interest, only a portion of that money was loaned in accordance with the provisions of the statute. For the purpose of circumventing these provisions an ingenious scheme was devised and closely adhered to."

Brundage Cites Constitution.

Attorney General Brundage said: "The constitution of Illinois says in plain language that the treasurer shall receive for his services his salary, and that he shall not receive for his own use any fees, perquisites or other compensation.

"It has been the common gossip of Springfield for quite a time that the handling of public funds was a business of profit for the officials charged with their custody.

"When the new state treasurer, Mr. Edward E. Miller, brought to my attention apparent confirmation of this misuse of public moneys, I deemed it my duty to lay the entire matter before the state's attorney for presentation to the grand jury of Sangamon county.

"The action of the grand jury in returning indictments is the view it took of the sufficiency of this evidence."

Governor Small issued a statement addressed "To the People of Illinois," in which he charged the indictment resulted from his attempt to cut down state appropriations, resented by his political enemies.

"For the present," the statement said, "may I not ask you to accept from me with the same confidence which you accepted my candidacy for governor, assurance to you that I am absolutely innocent of any charges which the public may consider brought against me by the grand jury."

The Art of Life.

The art of life is to keep strap with the celestial orchestra that beats the measure of our career, and gives the cue for our exits and our entrances. Why should we willingly miss anything, or precipitate anything, or be angry with folly, or in despair at any misadventure? In this world there should be none but gentle tears, and fluttering tip-toe loves. It is a great carnival, and amongst these lights and showings of comedy, those roses and vices of the playhouse, there is no abiding.—G. Santayana in the Dial.



SHIP BOARD AGENTS SEIZE SIX FORMER GERMAN LINERS

Company to Which Vessels Were Leased in Debt to U. S. in the Sum of \$40,000.

New York.—Five of the largest and finest steamships in the United States merchant marine, which had been chartered to the United States Mail Steamship company, were seized by representatives of the United States shipping board because of an alleged violation of contract. The seized vessels, all former German liners, are the George Washington, America, Susquehanna, President Grant and Agamemnon. The shipping board representatives were accompanied by United States Attorney William Hayward and United States Marshal Thomas McCarty. A representative of the shipping board and a deputy United States marshal were left on each ship.

Failure of the steamship company to pay rentals which in the aggregate up to the time of the seizure would amount to about \$400,000 was given as the principal reason for the board's action by Elmer Schlesinger, its general counsel. Four other vessels also under charter to the United States Mail Steamship company, which are now on the high seas, will be taken over by the shipping board as soon as they return to American ports, Mr. Schlesinger added. Seizure of the steamships, Mr. Schlesinger explained, was definitely decided upon at a meeting of officials of the United States shipping board in Washington. Other laxies in carrying out the contract under which the ships were chartered besides rentals being overdue were alleged. The ships seized vary from 20,000 to 25,000 tons. They were taken over by the United States government during the war.

The George Washington, one of the finest of the five, carried President Wilson to Europe for the peace conference. Mr. Schlesinger said that the vessel is scheduled to sail for Europe from this port on July 30, with a large passenger list.

In order that persons who already had booked passage may not be inconvenienced, Mr. Schlesinger said that if "no other company or no one else" could be found to operate the vessel she would be run by the shipping board.

Before completing the formalities of seizure, Mr. Schlesinger visited the offices of the steamship company at 120 Broadway, he declared, and there informed Charles Mayer, chairman of the company's board of directors, of the action about to be taken, and the reasons therefor.

The seized ships are valued at approximately \$25,000,000.

Mrs. Bergdoll's Charges Denied.

Washington.—"My answer to Mrs. Bergdoll's charges that I demanded \$100,000 from her and that I obtained \$50,000 to obtain her son's release is that it is false in every particular," Maj. Bruce Campbell stated before the house Bergdoll committee. "There is not a word of truth in it," Campbell added. Campbell has asked that a number of witnesses whose names are withheld be called to testify.

Carpentier Matched with Gibbons.

New York.—Georges Carpentier and Tommy Gibbons, St. Paul, were matched to fight for the light heavyweight championship of the world some time during October. The site and other details will be announced later, according to Gibbons' manager, Marty Kane, who made the announcement. The bout will be under the management of Tex Rickard, who has Carpentier's signature to an agreement. The financial sections of the agreement are kept secret. Madison Square Garden is considered the most probable site.

Eight Bathers Lose Lives.

Houston, Tex.—Eight persons were drowned and three were rescued when 16 delegates to the Baptist Young People's union annual state encampment at Palacios, forming a bathing party, were caught in the undertow of the Gulf of Mexico at the mouth of Greens Bayou, 22 miles from Palacios. The bathers were members of a sailing party of 31 that left Palacios for a sail on Matagorda Bay. The party was composed mostly of delegates from Breckenridge, Tex.

THE NEWPORT SCANDAL PROBE IS DENOUNCED

Report Filed by Republican and Democratic Members Agree in Scouring Methods Employed.

Washington, D. C.—Republican majority and democratic minority members of the senate naval subcommittee which investigated the war time scandal among enlisted men at the Newport, R. I., training station, in reports made public agree in condemning in severe terms the methods used by the navy in detecting those at the station guilty of immoral practices.

The only outstanding point of difference in the two reports consists in the responsibility of former Secretary Daniels and former Assistant Secretary Roosevelt for the use of naval enlisted men as participants in the immoral practices to obtain evidence against offenders.

The majority reports hold that the methods used were with the knowledge of both officials, and declares Mr. Roosevelt to be "morally responsible" for instructions issued.

The minority views submitted by Senator King, of Utah, contends the matter was conducted without the knowledge of either of the navy department chiefs.

With respect to the methods employed, the minority report said:

"That the methods employed in securing evidence by some of the enlisted personnel were abhorrent and call for the severest condemnation no one can deny. The condemnation of the majority committee of these methods meets my approval."

The record of the subcommittee's investigation is said by the minority to show that the naval officers who prepared the plans for the vice campaign conducted by Lieut. Erasmus N. Hudson, of the medical corps, "had no idea that seamen were to employ improper methods in securing evidence of moral delinquencies or other crimes."

"Capt. Leigh (an advisor of Mr. Roosevelt) and the judge advocate general approved the organization and prepared the necessary orders for its creation," the minority report asserts. "I believe the officers referred to erred in adopting and approving their recommendation."

The minority report disagrees emphatically with contentions of the majority that Mr. Roosevelt was present at conferences at which methods to be used were discussed. The minority agrees in substance with the findings of the naval court of inquiry which investigated the scandal.

Mr. Roosevelt gave out a letter addressed to Chairman Page, of the senate naval committee, repeating his charges of "bad faith and deliberate unfairness" against Chairman Ball, of the subcommittee, and asking an open hearing by the full committee.

Kidnapers Ask \$50,000.

Sharon, Pa.—Kidnapers are holding Thomas R. Randolph, 32, prominent local business man, for \$50,000 ransom, according to letters from Randolph and the kidnapers received by Randolph's father, E. V. Randolph. The letter from the abductor man urged his father to pay the money and secure his release.

Texas After Klan.

Austin, Tex.—A resolution proposing investigation into activities of the Ku Klux Klan in Texas is being prepared for introduction in the state legislature, now in special session.

Army Aviator Killed.

Houston, Texas.—First Lieutenant Willard S. Clark, of Illinois, was killed instantly at Ellington field when his plane fell 2,500 feet in a tail spin.

Mrs. Bergdoll Charges Extortion.

Washington.—Mrs. Emma Bergdoll, mother of Grover C. Bergdoll, charged before the house investigating committee that Capt. Bruce Campbell, military counsel for Bergdoll at his slacker trial, demanded \$100,000 to fix "higherups." Mrs. Bergdoll declared that Captain Campbell, who defected her son at his trial on Governor's island, and Clarence Gibbons, the civilian counsel for the draft evader, joined in making the demand for \$100,000.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF

Timely News Culled From All Parts of the State, Reduced for the Easy.

State Treasurer Sam Cropsey announced he will file suit against Governor McKelvie and Phil Bross, secretary of finance, to see if they have any legal right to refuse him the money appropriated for his department by the legislature. Under the provisions of the new budget law all state officers must make quarterly estimates of expenditures to Bross when they will be passed on by him and the governor. The last legislature allowed the treasurer \$210 for collection of interest on bonds. The governor and Bross refused to allow Cropsey the money.

The mysterious character which has been sighted at various times in the ranch country, between Erierson and Bartlett, is thought to be "Rain In The Foot," the son of "Old Throwing Bull," "Rain In The Foot," more commonly known as the Loup River hermit, is now nearly 147 years old and is the last surviving member on the once large tribe of the Okagobis. He is 8 feet, 2 inches tall and lives in a cave which he excavated in a hillside near Burwell.

York's tourists camp is said to be the best equipped place in Nebraska for the overland traveler, according to visitors. The camp is located in the city park. Some of the equipment in the park includes gas for cooking, shower baths, hot and cold water, large pavilion for shelter in case of storm, under which cars can be packed and bedding spread. The last convenience is a washing rack for tourists to use in cleaning their cars.

The Farmers Union Co-operative Grain and Stock association and the Lodgepole Lumber and Grain Co., both of Lodgepole, shipped 379 cars, or about 628,200 bushels of 1920 wheat from that place from July 1, 1920, to July 1, 1921. New wheat of the 1921 crop is showing up well in yield and quality. Combine wheat is already arriving at the elevators.

With an explosion that shook the town and shattered window lights for a block, the acetylene welding plant of the Sims garage at Aurora blew up and Gus Stohl and Otto Anderson who were in the room were knocked down. The partitions of the garage were demolished. The damage totaled about \$1,000.

Nebraska City, Auburn and Tecumseh bands, totalling seventy-five members, play in each of the cities every third Sunday. A day at the Johnson county fair has been resigned "Nemaha day" and music will be furnished by the Auburn band. At Auburn there will be a "Johnson day."

Mayor Green has arranged for free hose baths to be provided by the fire department for all Fremont children who want to participate. About 100 youngsters turned out for the first showers given and hundreds of persons crowded round to see the fun.

Weite Harnes, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Harnes living near Hebron, died of lockjaw resulting from a nail puncture in the foot. The accident occurred several weeks ago he was apparently recovering when the last complication set in.

Misses Luella Hoobler, Bessie Husek and Clara and Flora Blava, four Ravenna young women, started to walk to Denver. They will go through southern Nebraska on the O. L. D. highway.

Miss Allie Burke, of Geneva, has received an appointment to the department of vocational training of the United States government, and has left for Washington, D. C.

The Fillmore county fair at Geneva will hold its forty-sixth annual exhibition September 14, 15, 16. Some improvements have been made in the fair grounds during the summer.

David Bryson of Adams has sold his quarter section farm near that place to George M. Christian and Charles A. Herman for \$38,000, or \$225 per acre.

Crops in the community seven miles northwest of Callaway were damaged 50 per cent by a hailstorm which was accompanied by a heavy rain.

Blair's municipal ice plant turned out its first batch of ice. The plant has a six-ton capacity and has a day and night shift.

The old ice pond at Emerson is being cement lined and will be used as a swimming pool. It will be 90x300 feet.

Kanred wheat is being threshed on the Searle ranch, two miles west of Ogallala. This wheat is averaging 40 bushels an acre and is weighing out 62 pounds to the bushel. All farmers near here having kanred wheat this year are receiving excellent yields.

Max Warrick, a farmer living near Sterling, has purchased fifteen acres of land and has a crew of men busy erecting a fence about the premises, building a swimming pool, dance pavilion and refreshment booth. A baseball diamond will be laid out and an amphitheatre provided.

A light yield of wheat is reported in the Pawnee city community, but a bumper corn crop is practically assured.

The first complaint of a shortage of cars to move the new grain crop has been received by the state railway commission. An elevator man of Princeton, Lancaster county, complained by telephone to the state railway commission that unless he received some cars before night he would be in a serious condition. He had bought 10,000 bushels of wheat at \$1.65 a bushel and could get no cars to ship.

While fishing on the Platte river near Fremont H. F. Anderson, farmer, discovered a human skull protruding from the sand. He uncovered the skull and part of the vertebrae. County officials were called and continued the search for the rest of the body. Physicians are unable to determine whether the victim was male or female. The teeth are worn and they believe that the river victim was of advanced years. Officials believe the bones to be those of Mrs. Emily Greenleaf, who was drowned in the Platte west of Fremont 15 years ago. Her body was never recovered. The body may also be that of a young man who was drowned at North Bend some years ago.

Commercial hay producers of Holt and other western counties are up in arms over reports emanating from Washington that freight rates on hay are not to be reduced in the general rearrangement of freight rates expected to take place this fall. Holt county is the largest producer of commercial hay in the country, with Cherry county second, and the hay of the Elkhorn valley virtually feeds the five stock of the central western states where land is too valuable to be devoted to hay growing. If hay rates are not lowered thousands of acres badly needed east of here cannot and will not be cut.

The Nonpartisan league of Nebraska cannot bring suit for an injunction against the \$75,000 Fort Crook road appropriation because it is not a taxpayer or resident in the state, according to a ruling by Judge W. M. Morning in the Lancaster county district court. With the elimination of the league from the suit the brunt of the fight must be carried by the five executive officers who signed it.

Wells-Abbott-Neliman company, of Schuyler, the largest flour-manufacturing concern between Minneapolis and the Pacific coast closed for reorganization. The plant will be reopened in three weeks under the management of a committee of preferred stockholders. Lack of ready cash was given by stockholders as the reason for the action.

Group seven of the Nebraska Bankers' association met in Sidney last week and the entertainment arranged included a drive over the wheat belt of Cheyenne county, a swim in the Country club swimming pool and a base ball game between the Sidney Boosters and Sterling (Colo.) team of the Midwest league.

The site of a tourist camp has been selected by the Community club of Geneva and it will be put in order at once. The grounds of the Third ward school building have been turned over for this use by the board of education.

The first consolidation of schools effected in Cheyenne county under the new law was successfully carried out at Lorenzo. Three districts have united and a large school will be erected at Lorenzo.

Fire of unknown origin which broke out in the heart of the business section of Maxwell, destroying the general store of J. M. Romine and meat market of R. P. McFadden. The loss is estimated at \$10,000.

Chicken thieves took three hundred buff leghorn fowls from the poultry house on Nell Tucker's farm four miles north of Geneva. Seventy-five frightened chickens were left, nearly all roosters.

The Wynore fire department has purchased an auto truck and will mount its chemical tank on the chassis, which will give the city a modern fire fighting machine.

K. C. Christensen's seven year old boy had both legs badly cut in the mowing machine at their home near Blair. It is thought the lad's limbs can be saved.

James H. Hewett has been nominated for receiver of public moneys at Alliance, Nebr., and Jules Haumont for register of the land office at Broken Bow, Nebr.

The state convention of rural letter carriers will be held in York August 8 and 9. Governor McKelvie will address the association on the second day.

Mrs. Philip Garvey, of Albion, has just celebrated her 107th birthday. She came to America from Ireland with her husband and five sons in 1852.

The steeple of the Methodist church at Cambridge was destroyed by fire when struck by lightning during the worst electrical storm in years.

Friend is now making arrangements for a three days Baseball Tournament to be held there August 24, 25 and 26.

Chinch bugs are reported as existing in damaging numbers in the southern part of Thayer county.

The United States land office at Alliance has received notice that ten tracts of land, aggregating about 1,000 acres located in Cherry county, 50 miles southeast of that city, will be opened for homestead entry on August 22.

The Danish Lutheran church of Blair has extended a call to the Rev. J. M. Wintler of Kumamoto, Japan, to become its pastor. The Rev. Mr. Wintler was educated in Dana college, at Blair, and was ordained and sent as a missionary to Kumamoto twenty-three years ago.

The interstate aero meet, the first ever held in Nebraska, has just closed at Nelson, and was a great success. No accidents happened during the three days' program.

Figures made public by the weather bureau show that the average maximum temperature in Omaha for the first thirteen days of July this year is 4 degrees higher than the average for July days during the past forty years. The average July temperature for the last forty years was given as 86, whereas the average so far this year has been 90.