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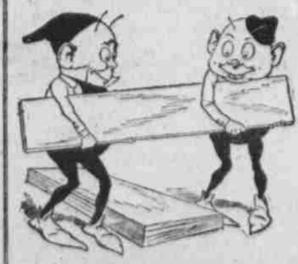
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SPRINGS SENSATION IN COURT.

Says Attorney for Accused Boss Offered Him \$10,000 and Provision for His Wife While in Prison if He Would Keep Quiet.

San Francisco, Oct. 30.—Standing in the shadow of the penitentiary, with sentence about to be passed upon him, and having seen his beautiful young wife just led from the court room hysterically crying: "No, no." E. A. S. Blake, the contractor convicted of attempting to bribe John M. Kelly to qualify on the jury to try Abraham Ruel and vote for Ruel's acquittal, made a full confession in court. He told how, after he was arrested, Frank J. Murphy, Ruel's associate counsel, came to him and promised him \$10,000 if he would keep quiet, the amount in notes signed by Ruel being delivered to a third party, to be paid to Blake immediately after he was sentenced. Besides this amount, Blake declared that his wife was to receive \$100 a month while he was in the penitentiary. When Blake was called on to rise for sentence, his young wife cried, "No, not that," and began to sob hysterically.

She was led from the room and, after motions for a new trial and arrest of judgment had been denied, Blake said he had a statement to make as reason why sentence should not be pronounced. This came as a complete surprise to his counsel, who were permitted to withdraw from the case. After being sworn and stating that he had not been promised immunity, Blake told of being offered \$1,000 by Attorney A. S. Newburgh and F. J. Murphy of Ruel's counsel to influence J. M. Kelly, a prospective juror, to vote for the acquittal of Ruel. He at first offered Kelly \$500, which was refused, but the offer of \$1,000 was accepted. It was then brought out that Newburgh had secured attorneys for Blake's defense. Blake then told of the offer of \$10,000 and provision for his wife while he was in prison if he would not make a confession. The story told by Blake created a sensation in court, and the case was continued for two weeks.

Met With Foul Play.

Nebraska City, Neb., Oct. 30.—Evidence of a foul murder has caused the coroner's jury in the inquest over the remains of Fritz King, who was killed by a Missouri Pacific train last week, to recommend to the authorities that they take steps to make a full investigation. It was shown that several bruises and wounds on his head and body could not have been the result of having been struck by the train. His pockets were also found turned wrong side out and empty. King was known to have carried quite a sum of money a short time before his death.

Whitmore Alibi Receives Setback.

Jersey City, N. J., Oct. 30.—The attempt of the defense to establish an alibi for Theodore C. Whitmore, now undergoing trial on the charge of having murdered his wife last Christmas night, received a serious setback, when train sheets of the Interborough Railroad company of New York city were submitted in evidence, in refutation of the testimony of Train Dispatcher Pulver, who deposed earlier in the trial that he saw Whitmore in New York on Christmas night, shortly after dispatching a train at 11:30 o'clock.

Instructs Students in Voting.

Iowa City, Ia., Oct. 30.—Dr. Frank Horack, an Iowa university professor, has instituted a new custom in the teaching of political science. He will in the future instruct students in the art of voting, giving an hour each day to this class for two weeks previous to election day. Professor Horack considers this one of the most important departments of political science.

Wages of Cotton Operatives Cut.

Fall River, Mass., Oct. 30.—James Tansley, president of the Fall River Textile council, has notified the union representatives that under the wage agreement between the manufacturers' association and the council there will be a further reduction in wages in the cotton mills next month. The Fall River mills employ 30,000 operatives.

Morse Takes Witness Stand.

New York, Oct. 30.—Charles W. Morse, who, with Alfred H. Curtis, formerly president of the National Bank of North America, is on trial in the criminal branch of the United States circuit court on a charge of conspiracy and violation of the national banking laws, took the stand in his own defense.

Three Convicted of Land Frauds.

Portland, Ore., Oct. 30.—Dr. J. H. Hedderly, William H. Smith and Richard D. Hynes, three of the defendants in the so-called Los Angeles land fraud case, were convicted by a jury in the United States district court.

John P. Caddagan Dead.

New York, Oct. 30.—John P. Caddagan, lessee and manager of the Hoffman house since 1894, died here after an illness of several months.

PRISONER KILLED BY MOB.

Man Accused of Murder Resists and Is Shot Dead in Cell in Tennessee.

Kingston, Tenn., Oct. 31.—A mob of about thirty masked men attacked the Roane county jail and killed George Cook, charged with the murder of John King, a ferryman. The identity of none of the mob is known. It is presumed the men intended to hang Cook, as they had a rope in their possession. However, when his cell was reached, he offered resistance and produced a razor, with which he cut one of the men in the mob. This it appears, enraged the invaders, and Cook was quickly shot to death. Governor Patterson will be asked to offer a reward for the apprehension of the members of the mob. Previous to the time he killed King, Cook was under a similar charge in Chattanooga.

MORSE SAYS DUMMY LOANS WERE HIS.

Refuses to Answer Questions Unless Allowed to Explain.

New York, Oct. 31.—For more than six hours Charles W. Morse sat in the witness chair in the circuit court, endeavoring to defend the financial operations in connection with the National Bank of North America, which resulted in the indictments of Mr. Morse and Alfred H. Curtis, on charges of conspiracy and violation of the national banking laws. All went smoothly during the morning session, but when United States District Attorney Stimson took up the cross-examination for the government, sharp, accusing questions were put to the financier. Mr. Morse was at his best on the defensive.

Several times he refused to answer questions unless he were permitted to explain himself at length. He sparred cleverly with Mr. Stimson and a number of times, rather than insist upon an answer with an explanation accompanying it, Mr. Stimson withdrew the question.

Mr. Stimson sprang somewhat of a surprise on Mr. Morse when he took up the loan of more than \$125,000 made to Miss Katherine A. Wilson, Mr. Morse's secretary. The financier had testified that the loan had been made in his behalf and that the Leslie Whiting loans were also his. Then, with Mr. Morse still in the witness chair, Mr. Stimson read a letter addressed to Comptroller of the Currency Ridgley, and signed by Mr. Morse and other directors of the New Amsterdam bank, saying that Mr. Morse was not interested in the loan.

Mr. Stimson asked Mr. Morse again if he had understood that the Wilson loan was made in his behalf and Mr. Morse replied that the loan was his.

As Mr. Morse was leaving the stand a number of spectators shook his hand and congratulated him.

Men of Fleet Land at Amoy.

Amoy, Oct. 31.—Rear Admiral Emory, commanding the second squadron of the United States Atlantic fleet, came ashore and made a formal call upon Prince Yu Lang and Liang Tun Yen, vice president of the foreign board, who are representing the imperial government in the welcome to the Americans. Later 1,600 men of the fleet and 124 officers landed. No special program had been arranged for their entertainment, and the men spent the time wandering about the temple and the reception grounds.

Lawyer Flichtner Given One Year.

New York, Oct. 31.—William Flichtner, a lawyer with offices in Wall street, was sentenced to one year's imprisonment in the penitentiary for grand larceny. Flichtner is sixty-six years old and has been prominent as a church man. Flichtner was convicted for diverting to risky speculation \$5,000 entrusted to him by two women for safe investment.

Latest Abruzzi-Elkins Sensation.

Naples, Oct. 31.—The latest sensation reported concerning the duke of the Abruzzi and Miss Katherine Elkins is that the couple will marry privately and unknown to the public in order to escape the curiosity of the crowd. Then, after the occurrence, they will announce the fact officially, giving at the same time the date of their union.

Murdered by Robbers.

Duluth, Minn., Oct. 31.—John M. Connelly, a fireman on the Mesaba road, was murdered in a pool hall at Proctor Knott, a suburb of Duluth, by robbers, who tried to hold up the crowd. Thinking them jokers, Connelly approached one of them as if to disarm him and the outlaw shot him through the heart. Both robbers escaped.

Bulgaria Offers Turkey Big Tribute.

London, Oct. 31.—The Chronicle's correspondent at Constantinople says that Bulgaria has offered Turkey a tribute of £2,000,000 as the capitalization value of the East Rumelia section of the Oriental railway, seized by Bulgaria, and that the Porte is disposed to accept the offer.

Farman Flies Twenty Miles.

Mourmelon, France, Oct. 31.—Henri Farman, for the first time, gave a practical demonstration of the possibilities of his aeroplane by flying direct from this place to Rheims, a distance of twenty miles, without mishap.

NEWS OF NEBRASKA

Bloodhounds Fail To Take Trail of Fugitives.

Watchman at Weeping Water Is Shot to Death by Two Strangers—Whole Community is Aroused and Armed Posse Are in Pursuit.

Weeping Water, Neb., Nov. 2.—C. A. Ralston, night watchman at Weeping Water, was shot and instantly killed last evening by one of two men whom he was trying to arrest. The men, who are strangers and supposedly tramps, escaped. Posse were formed and pursuit began. One report is that the men have been surrounded in a cornfield. Police Detective Malone of Lincoln has been notified and is on his way here with bloodhounds. Ralston was an old resident here and highly regarded. Two of his sons live at Omaha.

The shooting was a deliberate and heartless one. The two men evidently believed Ralston was going to arrest them and they shot him before he had an opportunity to protect himself. It is believed here the two men are the same two that robbed the Manley bank, five miles from here, Friday. The county has a network of telephones and these were quickly put in operation with a view to locating the guilty men. The Platte and other river bridges are being closely guarded. Feeling is so intense that a lynching is not improbable in the event the guilty parties are found. The men who committed the deed stopped Saturday night at the Riverside hotel, where they registered as Charles Sellers and Arthur Munster. They took breakfast and dinner at the hotel and were walking around the streets when the shooting occurred. They came here looking like bums, but changed their clothing at the hotel and made a good appearance.

Weeping Water, Neb., Nov. 3.—Two packs of bloodhounds and 100 men have searched for the men who murdered Watchman Ralston Sunday night without success. Their ability to get away is a mystery, since the posse which went in pursuit had an early start and scoured the country in every direction. The dogs were unable to take the trail at all and proved of no assistance to the officers. Two men were heard of near Papillion who were thought to be the persons sought, but investigation showed they were merely men in search of work. How the desperadoes could have gotten across the Platte river is a mystery, as the closest bridge is more than ten miles away and it has been guarded continually since the shooting. Men afoot, horseback and in automobiles have followed every road and path for miles around, but not a trace could they find of the men who did the shooting.

MAY BE LYNCHING AT OAKDALE.

Young Girl Mistreated and Citizens Are Greatly Aroused.

Oakdale, Neb., Nov. 2.—Alma Moore, the seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alva Moore, was mistreated in a field near her parents' home, ten miles from Oakdale, by an unidentified man. Bloodhounds were brought from Stanton and placed on the case, directing suspicion to a man who is a close friend of the family and neighbor. He has disappeared and the citizens of this locality are greatly enraged. Open threats are made against him and in case he is found it is probable he will be roughly handled.

Ludden Inspects Kearney Normal.

Kearney, Neb., Oct. 31.—The Kearney normal school has been undergoing an inspection by State Superintendent Ludden for the past two days, during which time he gave his attention to the additions and improvements which are just being completed at the institution. The school authorities have asked for a substantial appropriation for the normal school for next year, and Superintendent Ludden will be asked to lay the matter before the coming legislature. He addressed the student body on current topics while here.

State Teachers' Meeting.

Lincoln, Nov. 3.—Reports are coming in to the office of the superintendent of public instruction that nearly every county in the state has given its teachers a leave of absence to attend the state teachers' meeting, which will begin Thursday. From all parts of the state have come reports of extreme interest in the meeting, which promises to be the best attended of any in the history of the teachers' association.

Sends Bullet Through Her Heart.

Omaha, Nov. 3.—Using a revolver which she had stolen for the purpose, Mary Weisel, a twenty-three-year-old girl, whose home is in Beecher, Neb., committed suicide in her room at Miss Emma Steinhofel's boarding house, by shooting herself three times in the breast. It is thought that she was unbalanced mentally, and that brooding over an evident love affair, indicated by a letter left by her, was the cause of her deed.

Herold Awarded \$12,500 Damages.

Plattsburgh, Neb., Oct. 31.—The sensational damage suit brought by Henry Herold against William W. Coates, in which Coates was charged with defaming the character and persecuting Herold, has resulted in a verdict for Herold of \$12,500. Herold's petition asked that an award of \$50,000 damages be made.

DAMAGE SUIT AGAINST DEAD MAN

Death Beate \$50,000 Suit Against Nebraska Educator.

Lincoln, Nov. 3.—Papers in a \$50,000 damage suit against Professor George R. Burnett, who died Sunday night, have been received at the office of the clerk of the United States court. The papers were made out in regular form before the death of Burnett and forwarded to this city by mail. Being in regular form, the clerk found it necessary to file them, despite the demise of the defendant. The suit is brought by the Brees military academy, which alleges that Professor Burnett wrote letters to its patrons last summer declaring the institution was on the decline, in the hope of securing their attendance at the Nebraska military academy. B. D. Hayward who is also connected with the Nebraska institution, is made a codefendant in the suit.

Insane Patients Attack Nurse.

Norfolk, Neb., Oct. 31.—Two attacks by insane patients in one day has caused Miss Frances Simodynes to resign her position as nurse in the Norfolk hospital for insane and start to her home in Wahoo. Miss Simodynes was assaulted first by Miss Ellison, a twenty-year-old patient from Cole ridge, who knocked her down and jumped onto her body. An hour later another patient assaulted her and inflicted injuries which will keep the nurse in bed for a week. Two other nurses have been attacked in a similar manner within the past two days. There are more dangerous patients in the hospital than at any time for years.

Pays \$50 Interest on \$24.

Omaha, Oct. 30.—One of the worst cases of usury which has ever come to the notice of the local courts was made a matter of record when Herbert H. Boyles secured a restraining order against a loan company to prevent it making further collections on a note, which the giver alleges was originally made for \$24 and on which he declares over \$50 interest has been paid. He says the loan company still demands a large sum before it will release the assignment against his salary.

Catholic Event at Albion.

Albion, Neb., Oct. 30.—Members of the Catholic church from several counties gathered here to take part in the dedication of the new St. Michael's church, just completed at a cost of \$65,000. In the absence of Bishop Scannell, the service was in charge of Rev. Father Crowley, the local priest. The ladies served a dinner, and a collection was taken up which put the church practically out of debt.

Dr. Fenton Has Close Call From Fire.

Creighton, Neb., Oct. 31.—Dr. Fenton came near losing his life and a bad fire was averted by the discovery of flames coming from the physician's rooms over the Creighton bank. Neighbors ran to the room and found the doctor nearly suffocated and the interior in flames. The fire had started in the bedding, where the physician slept, probably from a lighted pipe or cigar.

Campbell Circus in Winter Quarters.

Fairbury, Neb., Nov. 2.—The Campbell brothers' circus has gone into winter quarters here, where it will remain until spring. It has been on the road since April and has had a successful year. The entire equipment, consisting of wagons, horses, trained and wild animals, will be housed on the Campbell farm, a few miles from this city. The Campbell circus is purely a Nebraska product.

Woman Passenger Injured.

Lincoln, Oct. 30.—Miss Maud Thomas, whose home is in Kent, Wash., was taken to a local hospital suffering from the rupture of a blood vessel in her breast, which may result in death. Miss Thomas was thrown forward against a suit case by the sudden stopping of the train on which she was riding.

Vote in Favor of Drainage Ditch.

Ashland, Neb., Nov. 2.—The special election held by Cass and Saunders counties to decide whether \$50,000 shall be spent for an immense drainage ditch across the two counties resulted in a large majority in favor of the project. Nearly 100,000 acres of land will be directly affected.

Murdered Man Unidentified.

Valentine, Neb., Nov. 2.—The murdered man who was found floating in the Niobrara river about two weeks ago was buried here. The body had been held in hopes someone would identify it, but all in vain, as it is as much a mystery now as it was when the body was found.

Statement by Treasurer Brian.

Lincoln, Nov. 2.—Treasurer Brian made a report of the condition of the state treasury at the close of business Oct. 31. These are \$376,411.04 in the treasury, of which \$217,806.62 is in the school fund.

St. Joseph Hard Hit.

St. Joseph, Mo., Nov. 3.—One death by asphyxiation, the dismissal of all schools heated with natural gas and cold meals, as the result of no fuel, was the result of the breaking near Leavenworth, Kan., of a natural gas main, with which St. Joseph is supplied most of its light and heat.

Pine Bluff Threatened.

Pine Bluff, Ark., Nov. 3.—Owing to a sudden rise in the Arkansas river the high banks in front of this city are caving in rapidly and the eastern section of the business section is threatened with destruction.