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BRIAND FORMS NEW CABINET

Clemenceau's Successor Succeeds in Uniting Party Groups.

Paris, July 24.—After a day of conferences, Aristide Briand succeeded in forming a new French ministry and officially announced the success of his endeavors to President Fallieres. The new cabinet is made up as follows: Premier and minister of the



ARISTIDE BRIAND.

Interior and of public worship, M. Briand; minister of Justice, M. Barthon; minister of foreign affairs, M. Pichen; minister of finance, Georges Cochery; minister of education, M. Doumergue; minister of public works, posts and telegraphs, M. Millerand; minister of commerce, Jean Dupuy; minister of agriculture, M. Ruan; minister of the colonies, M. Touillot; minister of labor, M. Viviani.

SUTTON HEARING RESUMED

Sister Says Only Aim Is to Clear Brother's Name of Suicide.

Annapolis, Md., July 26.—"I am not vindictive; all I desire is to clear my brother's name of the disgrace of suicide." So spoke Mrs. Rose Sutton Parker, sister of Lieutenant James N. Sutton of Portland, Ore., the circumstances of whose death the court of inquiry continued to investigate today at the resumption of the hearing in the naval academy auditorium.

The inquiry thus far has been notable for the conflicting nature of the testimony adduced. Four young lieutenants of the marine corps, Adams, Osterman, Willing and Bevan, told stories which, while agreeing in many points, yet differed materially in essentials. The first named swore that no one was sitting on Sutton when the fatal shot was fired. Two of the others testified that two or three men were sitting upon the prostrate form of Sutton, lying face downward, with his right arm under him. These swore that one of the men on Sutton was Sergeant De Hart, who in turn swore that he had not even touched Sutton. Most of the witnesses who have testified on that point declare that Sutton shot himself and express their belief that he had so intentionally; this in support of the assertion that he was a suicide. On the other hand, Surgeon Pickrell, asked if the fatal wound could have been self inflicted under the conditions described by the young lieutenants, declared it would have been utterly impossible.

MAN IS STRANGLER BY FENCE

Coachman Fell Asleep and Caught in Pickets, Choking to Death.

Milwaukee, July 27.—His neck wedged tightly between the pickets of a fence, the body of William Lenz, for thirty years a coachman for August F. Gallun, a rich tanner, was found in front of his employer's residence. Lenz evidently had been strangled. The head projected between the pickets and the arms were resting upon the fence. The knees had crumpled from under, leaving the body suspended by the neck.

The police say that he probably leaned over the fence to rest for a while, fell asleep, and, as his throat caught between the pickets, slowly strangled.

DR. COLLINS SLAIN BY WIFE

Former Des Moines Man Shot and Killed by Jealous Spouse.

Portland, Ore., July 26.—Dr. R. A. Collins, a prominent physician, was shot and killed by his wife at the home of Captain J. H. Sladen, whose house they were to occupy for the summer. Jealousy was the cause.

Both Dr. Collins and his wife had been married and divorced and it is alleged that the first Mrs. Collins arrived here recently from St. Louis.

Dr. Collins was a graduate of the medical department of Drake university, Des Moines.

Latham's Machine Meets With Mishap

Catais, July 27.—Hubert Latham's monoplane came violently to the ground in making a landing after a trial flight, preparatory to making the attempt to cross the English channel. A wheel was smashed and the propeller damaged.

Explosion on Jap Battleship

Tokyo, July 27.—News has been received of a gunpowder explosion aboard the battleship Asahi, in which five men were killed and four wounded. The explosion took place during target practice.

Daughter of President Taylor Dead

Winchester, Va., July 26.—Mrs. Elizabeth Taylor Dandrige, aged eighty-six, the daughter of President Zachary Taylor, died here after a brief illness.

Grand Army Reunion

Toledo, Ia., July 27.—The thirtieth annual Tama county G. A. R. reunion began here today.

NEBRASKA NEWS

Roy Short of Omaha Is Victim of Distressing Accident.

STRANGLER IN DUMBWAITER.

Acting Engineer of Iler Grand Hotel is Dead When Found by Bellboy. Chin Is Caught Between Floor and Lift and Neck Held as in a Vice. Neck Not Broken and Death Due to Strangulation.

Omaha, July 27.—His head caught between the top of a dumbwaiter and the floor in front of the shaft, Roy Short, temporarily acting as night engineer, was strangled to death at the Iler Grand hotel. Short was going from the first floor to the basement to start a fire in the kitchen range. Instead of going down the stairway, he stepped upon the dumbwaiter as a quick and easy means of transit. The weight was too great for the lift and it dropped.

Short's chin struck the floor and the top of the dumbwaiter caught his head so that his neck was held between the two as in a vice. Fifteen minutes later a bellboy passed the shaft and saw what had happened. He immediately called the night clerk and an elevator boy.

It was apparent that Short was dead and the police and coroner were at once notified and the body taken in charge by the coroner. The young man's neck was not broken, death being due entirely to strangulation.

BOOTBLACK IS BOOTLEGGER

Barrel of Beer in Boxcar Proves Too Strong a Temptation for Him.

Central City, Neb., July 27.—Because he put the hotel push cart to another use than that for which it was intended, Jack Costello is behind the bars of the county jail.

Costello has been shining shoes at the Schiller hotel, and it was also his task to meet passengers on the night trains and haul their baggage to the hotel in the push cart. But he discovered that there was a barrel of beer in a boxcar on the Union Pacific tracks, consigned to Central City parties, and he used the cart in removing its contents to his room in the hotel in installments. But unfortunately for him, the cart left some tracks, and this led to an investigation which resulted in the finding of the stuff and his arrest.

Together with the spoils obtained from him and the fruits of two raids on bootleggers, Sheriff Iler has an immense quantity of liquor in his keeping.

BOUND OVER TO COURT

Six Long Pine Citizens Used Hose on Tramps.

Ainsworth, Neb., July 27.—Six residents of Long Pine, charged with brutally beating some tramps, have been held for trial Aug. 4 by Judge Potter in \$1,000 bonds.

According to the complaint some tramps visited Long Pine last week and were summarily ordered out of the town. It is said they filled up on whisky and did not leave as soon as they were ordered to. Some residents of the town thereupon caught the fellows and, placing them over a barrel, administered a garden hose with such effect that their cries worked so upon a woman living nearby that she fainted.

Lowan Held in Omaha

Omaha, July 27.—Henry Murphy, a young man claiming Cincinnati, Appanoose county, Ia., as his home, was arrested, charged with passing counterfeit money. He pleaded not guilty and was held to the federal grand jury. He was stopping at a rooming house and passed a \$5 bogus coin on the keeper of the place. Murphy claims to be the son of a farmer and says he was on his way to the harvest fields. The coin was a poor imitation and Murphy claims that he received it from a stranger, who told him that he could have it as a gift.

Sheriff Destroys Whisky

Herman, Neb., July 24.—Sheriff Mencke came up from Blair and destroyed the 255 pints of whisky he secured in the raid of the J. A. West place a few weeks ago. The sheriff and a crowd of people took the liquor to a vacant lot and everyone got a chance to break a bottle that cared for the honor of doing so. Mr. West entered a plea of guilty and sentence will be passed at the next term of the district court.

Railroad Men Before Board

Lincoln, July 24.—The state board of equalization held a session with representatives of the Burlington and the Union Pacific to discuss terminal valuations. R. D. Pollard of the Burlington and A. W. Scribner of the Union Pacific each had some objections to the assessment in various towns and these were gone over. The board did not conclude its work on the terminals, but probably will do so in a day or two.

Toll Hanson Still Missing

Omaha, July 27.—Rumors are rife as to the whereabouts of Toll Hanson, who disappeared at the time his restaurant became badly involved and who was last heard of in New York city. Neither his creditors, his attorney nor his wife have the remotest idea as to his movements.

ADVISES SUIT ON STATE TAX

Omaha Commercial Club Committee Makes Report on Law.

Omaha, July 26.—After investigation of the act passed by the Nebraska legislature at its late session, providing for an occupation fee upon corporations and known as senate file No. 10, the judiciary committee of the Commercial club issued its report.

The committee in its investigation finds the law is unconstitutional on several counts, and declares it might be attacked in several ways.

The first point brought out to show the law is unconstitutional is that the state has no power to levy an occupation tax, which the fee in the senate file really is, and even is called in the act itself an "occupation fee."

In conclusion the report advises that the tax be paid under protest and suit then be brought to test the constitutionality of the act.

TREATY NULLS STATE LAW

Decides German Heir Can Succeed to Nebraska Property.

York, Neb., July 24.—In the settlement of the Christian Schuster estate in probate court Judge Wray was confronted with a peculiar question of law, owing to a Nebraska state law prohibiting a non-resident from being heir to real estate, while under a United States treaty with Germany such heirship is recognized. As one of the heirs of this estate lives in Germany it was a debatable point in law as to whether or not this heir in Germany would succeed to her rights to the property. Judge Wray decided that the German heir held rights in accordance with the United States treaty. Whether or not the matter will be carried up to a higher court has not yet been decided.

HARVEST CALL IS HEARD

Army of Workers Flits to the Country to Bring Home Sheaves.

Omaha, July 24.—The army of unemployed has heard the call of the farmers in the Dakotas for harvest hands and are hurrying there in answer to the appeal from the wheat fields.

For two days trains going north from the Union station to the Dakotas have been carrying scores of men bound for the harvest fields of those states. According to the depot officials the men seeking work in the north outnumber those of any previous summer for the last three years. It is a motley crowd that is going north, too, being composed of former farm laborers, tramps and college students wanting work until the middle of September.

HORTICULTURE THEIR TOPIC

Fruit and Flower Experts Are in Session at Beatrice.

Beatrice, Neb., July 24.—The Nebraska State Horticultural society held a two days' session here. In the exhibits were over thirty varieties of gladiolus furnished by Henry Field of Shenandoah, Ia.; specimens of strawberries raised by G. S. Christy of Johnson, Neb., which are claimed to be of an everlasting variety, and a branch of seedling cherries brought by C. H. Green of Fremont, who represents them to be an improvement over the variety of the late cherries grown today. The ornamental shrubbery was furnished by the Dole Floral company and the German nurseries of Beatrice.

Public Meetings Under Ban

York, Neb., July 26.—Dr. G. W. Shidler, city physician, after investigating the seriousness of the epidemic of cerebro spinal meningitis now prevailing at Stromsburg and Polk, and the northern part of York county, made announcement through the local papers that every precautionary measure must be taken to prevent it from breaking out in York, and asks postponement of all meetings and picnics until the epidemic is no longer a menace to the public. There are over one hundred cases reported in the country and places named and through a recent order of the state board of health every case is now being quarantined.

Young Man Dies of Broken Neck

Omaha, July 26.—Victor J. Remington of Beverly, Neb., died at the Immanuel hospital in this city from the effect of an accident which fractured a cervical vertebra. The accident happened several days ago near the Remington home. The young man was swimming in a small lake and jumped from a spring board into shallow water, striking the bottom and breaking his neck.

Smith Pleads "Not Guilty"

Omaha, July 24.—Jesse Smith, charged with murder in the first degree in connection with the death of James Rollins, colored, pleaded not guilty in police court when arraigned by the county attorney. The preliminary hearing has been set for July 27. Smith says his mind is a blank on the events of the night when the shooting occurred.

Bankers to Meet at Omaha

Omaha, July 23.—Omaha is the next meeting place of the Nebraska Bankers' association and the convention will be held Sept. 8 and 9. Secretary W. B. Hughes is now working out the details of the meeting, which includes speakers and a place of meeting and entertainment for the bankers while in Omaha.

Merchandise Holds Its Own

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