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**STATE GIVES AID  
TO BLIND CHILD**

**Despite Protest Parents Lad  
Is Given Treatment and  
Sight Is Being  
Restored.**

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 11 (Special).—The paternalistic hand of the state of Nebraska has been laid upon Roy Mauler, 11 year old blind boy, living near Taylor, and has drafted surgeons to treat him. They say the boy's sight will be completely restored. The father is a cripple and other members of the family have suffered misfortunes. The parents had heard that the state was trying to get hold of their boy, and they hid him out in a cave for weeks. It was finally necessary to use strategy, and he was taken to Omaha and treated. He is now back on the farm, and the parents write they are praying daily for those who gave him back his sight.

**DEATH BY LIGHTNING  
DECLARED ACCIDENTAL.**

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 11 (Special).—Whether or not lightning is an accident or an act of God is one question Compensation Commissioner Kennedy will not have to decide. Three supreme courts have held it is an accident and three have held that it was not. While Mr. Kennedy, who is an editor and not a jurist, is puzzling his head over the matter, the insurance company that carried risks on a Lincoln lumber company offered to settle for \$3,250 the \$5,250 claim of the widow of Wiley Colbert, killed by lightning while standing under a tree where he had taken refuge after abandoning his loaded lumber wagon because of a storm.

**PIONEER OF NORFOLK  
DIES, AGED 80 YEARS**

Norfolk, Neb., Dec. 11 (Special).—August Raasch, Norfolk's first postmaster, civil war veteran and the only male survivor of the colony of Wisconsin pioneers who drove overland and settled Norfolk and vicinity in 1866, died at his home here Friday afternoon. Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon in St. Paul's Lutheran church which he helped to found when the first worship house was constructed in Norfolk years ago. Mr. Raasch was wounded at Gettysburg and has suffered from that wound ever since he was picked up before the battle field where he lay for two days. He was born in Germany eighty years ago. He is survived by a large family of sons and daughters who are represented in prosperous farming and business interests of this locality.

**CATTLE BUSINESS IS  
AGAIN ON UPGRADE**

Gordon, Neb., Dec. 11 (Special).—The cattle business in this section of the state is prospering. The managements of the big cattle ranches are placing big orders for food supplies for their ranches, the orders being in quantities as large as those placed before the cattle industry suffered its slump a few years ago. Heavy sales of feeders augmented the prosperity in the range country this year.

**NEWS BRIEFS.**

LOS ANGELES—Nine violators of traffic laws were sentenced to terms in the city jail by police court judges today. Three were sentenced to serve 100 days each. They were alleged to have been intoxicated while driving automobiles. The other six chose terms of two or three days in preference to heavy fines.

SAN FRANCISCO—Madame Margaret Matzauer, opera singer, in a formal answer and cross complaint to the divorce suit of her chauffeur husband, Floyd Glotzbar, filed here Friday, entered a general denial of his charges against her and asked that she be awarded a decree on grounds of cruelty and infidelity.

**STEALING DOGS FOR  
REWARDS IS LATEST**

Los Angeles, Cal.—Traffic in valuable dogs, stolen for the reward eventually paid for their return, is being investigated by the Los Angeles police following reports of the operations throughout the city of fashionably dressed women engaged in the new and highly remunerative crime. The alleged method of the young women is to drive through fashionable and exclusive residential districts where valuable dogs are known to be, becoming friendly with the animals, splitting them away and returning them later answer to advertisements offering rewards. When rewards are not advertised it is said the women ship the dogs to confederates in other cities, who dispose of them to new owners.

**SPOKE TOO ROUGHLY.**

Chicago, Dec. 11 (U. P.).—Police a block away heard Frank Burns shout "hand up" when he tried to "two gun" Charles Nelson. They dashed up with four guns. The crime was fizzled.

**PLAYING SAFE.**

Elizabeth, N. J., Dec. 11 (U. P.).—Eugene Berue, "white wing," announced heir of \$1,000,000, clung to his broom today, refusing to quit his street cleaning job until he gets the cash in his hands.

**NEBRASKA BIRTH  
RATE DECREASED**

**State Bureau of Health Report  
Further Shows There Was  
an Increase in Number  
of Deaths.**

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 8 (Special).—Nebraska's birth rate is decreasing and her death rate increasing, according to figures just issued by the vital statistics department of the state bureau of health. For the first half of 1922 the number of births to the thousand population was 22.6 as compared with 22.7 for the United States registration area. In 1921 the respective figures were Nebraska, 24.6 and United States, 24.3. During the first six months of 1922 the deaths in Nebraska numbered 12.6 per thousand, as compared with 9.1 per thousand in 1921. In the first six months of 1922 deaths in the United States numbered 10.9 per thousand inhabitants, and in 1921, 11.

**FARM PRODUCTS SELL  
WELL AT PUBLIC SALE**

Carroll, Neb., Dec. 8 (Special).—At Linn Brothers' public sale, held Tuesday, milk cows sold as high as \$77, while hogs went at about double the market price. Horses sold well. Corn sold at about 20 cents more than the quoted market price, this being in a district that was swept by hail last summer.

**UNION PACIFIC SAYS  
WAGE AGREEMENTS MADE**

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 8.—Announcement is made at the office of Vice-President E. E. Calvin of the Union Pacific railroad system that agreements had been reached with representatives of a newly formed "miscellaneous employes' association" of the system for wages which are from 2c to 10c per hour higher for highly skilled work, than those established by the United States Railway Labor board. The agreement provides in some instances for wages less than those of the labor board for semi-skilled and other grades of work, requiring but little skill.

Employees of the maintenance of way, stores, and telegraph departments who, prior to July 1, 1922, were represented by the federated shop crafts and firemen and oilers' union organizations, but who were not included in an agreement with the company and the Union Pacific Shop Employes' association some time ago, are affected, it was stated. Rules and working conditions for the miscellaneous employes similar to those entered into between the company and the Shop Employes' association were agreed upon.

**HEAVIER TAX ON  
MOTOR VEHICLES**

**Man in Charge of Nebraska  
Highway Building Has Plan  
to Raise \$5,800,000  
Next Year.**

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 6 (Special).—Automobile owners are preparing to fight the proposition of George E. Johnson, in charge of the state highway system building, that to cut down state taxes the next legislature should put on the shoulders of motor vehicle owners the \$5,800,000 necessary to match dollars with the federal government. Mr. Johnson says that the motor car owners save enough in one year by good roads to build the entire system, and that they ought to pay for the remainder of the laid-out road.

**HE KILLED BOOTLEGGER,  
WANTS NEW TRIAL**

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 6 (Special).—The appeal of Charles Narkiewicz, life prisoner at the state penitentiary, for a new trial was argued and submitted in supreme court Tuesday. Narkiewicz killed a bootlegger named John Brownski because the latter refused to give him back the change for a \$20 bill after he had bought a 50 cent drink of whisky. He followed the man around begging for his change, saying his wife was dead and he had four children to keep. The bootlegger laughed him to scorn and threw him a sandwich and told him that was his change. The defendant went out and later returned with a gun and when three shots didn't scare the big bootlegger, he put three into his body. The man claimed self-defense, and said he didn't have a fair trial because he did not know enough English to know what was going on.

**DREAM SO REAL SHE  
JUMPED THROUGH WINDOW**

Alliance, Neb., Dec. 6 (Special).—Screams for help from a neighboring house, accompanied by the jumping of a young woman through the glass of a bedroom window, aroused persons of the west side here in early morning. The young woman in question explained to people who rushed to her assistance that a man had invaded her room and attempted to chloroform her. Then, as she stood shivering in the cold, she realized it was a dream the result of reading of house robbers the night previous.

**BEAVERS DESTROY  
VALUABLE TIMBER**

**Nebraska Legislature to Be  
Asked for Law Permitting  
Trapping of Those  
Animals.**

Valentine, Neb., Dec. 7.—Because the natural timber in this section is being wiped out and a state law forbids the killing of beavers, Representative-elect C. S. Reece is contemplating asking the new legislature to repeal the old law. Many people are of the opinion that one good tree is worth several beaver hides. On the Ernest Wilkinson farm, on the Minnetakuda, beavers in two days cut down 10 8-inch trees. Trees as large as 20 inches in diameter have recently been felled in this county by the animals.

**POST ARMED GUARDS  
ON FREIGHT TRAINS**

Norfolk, Neb., Dec. 7 (Special).—Meat trains are now being guarded by armed guards who are using sawed-off shot guns to keep the merchandise thieves from throwing off choice meats from the cars. Railroad special agents report considerable activity by merchandise thieves between Omaha and Norfolk and from Sioux City to Norfolk, while a regular wholesale business is being done along the Union Pacific lines west by coal thieves. A consignment of rifles which left Sioux City in perfect shape was robbed before it reached its destination. The thieves filled the rifle cases with bricks. All but one rifle was stolen.

**EXPLOSION IN HOME  
OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 7.—A steam cooker exploding in the home of Lieut. Gov. Pelham A. Barrows, Wednesday, caused several broken windows in the premises. Mrs. Barrows escaped injury. She had just left the kitchen when the explosion, which shook the house, occurred.

**NEBRASKA CROP WORTH  
\$70,000,000 MORE**

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 7.—The total value of the 15 principal farm crops in Nebraska in 1922 exceeded that of the same crops in 1921 by more than \$70,000,000, according to an official report issued by the bureau of markets and marketing, Nebraska state department of agriculture. The value of the 15 crops in 1922 amounted to \$223,994,742, as compared with \$153,360,690 in 1921. Both estimates are based on farm prices as of Nov. 1.

**WANT LAW JAILING  
AUTOMOBILE SPEEDERS**

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 7.—County officials and highway commissioners in annual session here Wednesday voted in favor of enactment of a law that would send automobile speeders to jail for 30 days to six months without provisions for fines. Similar treatment for persons causing moderate wear on roads was suggested.

**NEBRASKA UNIVERSITY  
PROFESSOR IS DEAD**

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 7.—Prof. Wm. Francis Dann, 65, chairman of the department of art, history and criticism at the state university, died here Wednesday of heart trouble. Prof. Dann entered the university as an instructor in 1894 and became head of his department in 1904. Surviving him are Mrs. Dann, four sisters and a son, Albert W. Dann.

**ONE OF DECATUR BANK  
ROBBERS DELAYS APPEAL**

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 5 (Special).—Louis Clernt, one of three men convicted of holding up the State Bank, at Decatur, Burt county, secured a month's continuance in supreme court today for the hearing of his appeal. He appealed in the hope of getting out on bail, but his friends failed him. Clernt was the man who sat in the automobile outside while his companions, King and Persek, went inside and made the young woman cashier hand over the money. A posse caught the gang before it could get away, Clernt backing into a tree with the machine and getting shot when he tried to run away.

**PATIENT GETS OUT OF  
HOSPITAL, LOSES CASH**

Council Bluffs, Ia., Dec. 6 (Special).—Tony Rose of South Dakota was discharged from Mercy hospital here today after treatment. He paid his bill from a roll and had \$350 left. He walked two blocks to the street car line and as he was about to board a car discovered his money was gone. He immediately retraced his steps but the money could not be found.

**FINALLY DISPOSE OF  
DEAD MAN'S ESTATE**

Aurora, Neb., Dec. 7 (Special).—A satisfactory settlement has been reached in the case of the \$2,000 insurance policy which constituted the estate of the late Patrick J. King. Mrs. Stella Walker, his landlady, named as beneficiary in the policy, is to receive the residue of the estate when King's body is disinterred and buried in the Catholic cemetery here, and the undertaker paid. There was much litigation during the nine months that King's body lay in the preservative vat at Aurora.

**VINDICATED  
BY JURY ON  
FIRST VOTE**

**12 Grizzled Veterans From  
Mississippi Hills Out Only 20  
Minutes—Miss Birkhead Is  
Amazed, Says She'll Appeal.**

Universal Service Correspondent.  
Oxford, Miss., Dec. 11.—Gov. Lee M. Russell of Mississippi was acquitted by a jury Monday night of the breach of promise charges brought against him by Miss Frances Birkhead, his former secretary, in her \$100,000 damage suit. The jury deliberated only 20 minutes. A unanimous verdict was reached on the first vote taken. The court room was practically deserted when the 12 grizzled veterans from the hills of Mississippi returned with their verdict. Neither of the principals in the colorful court drama

**GOVERNOR ANNOUNCES  
CANDIDACY FOR SENATE**

Universal Service.  
Oxford, Miss., Dec. 12.—In a formal statement Governor Russell characterized the outcome of the suit against him as a "prompt and righteous verdict, which I trust will be accepted by all, irrespective of political affiliations or factions, as a complete vindication of my good name and that of my native state." The governor further expressed his confidence in the scope of the verdict as a personal vindication by announcing for the first time that he would be a candidate for the United States Senate at the next election.

**Decision Gets Approval.**

The ominous words had hardly fallen from the foreman's lips, however, before the news was flashed across the village square and spread through the town. If flying sombreros and catcalls of the villagers, whooping it up in the streets, the town hall and the hotel lobby, can be construed as a criterion, it was a popular decision. There was one place, however, where the tidings were unwillingly received. That was in the tiny bedroom of the village hotel, where Miss Birkhead had hidden away pending the decision of the jury.

**Miss Birkhead to Appeal.**

The girl appeared stupefied by the cruel realization that she had gone through the travail of this trial and bared her soul to the gloating gaze of an unsympathetic world—all in vain. But with the same remarkable passiveness that has characterized her attitude throughout the trial, she refused to yield to the impulses of the profound emotions that surged within her. In a quiet, composed manner, she calmly announced: "This is not the finish. I will appeal the case at once. There will be no finish until I have won vindication."

**Governor Not Surprised.**

Governor Russell received the verdict without show of emotion. He had expected it. His wife, who had been at his side throughout the trial, expected it.

**Attorney M. S. McNeill dramatically closed the argument for the plaintiff by staking his whole case upon the authorship of the now celebrated "Mary" letter. This was the letter written to Miss Birkhead advising her as to what treatment to resort to in her delicate condition. It was signed "Mary." She claimed that "Mary" was the nom de plume that the governor always used in his alleged amorous correspondence with her. The governor denied it.**

**Asks Verdict on Letter.**

Summing up his argument in a brief dramatic sentence, Mr. McNeill shouted: "If you don't think he wrote that 'Mary' letter, then bring in a verdict for Governor Russell. It is the strongest evidence of his guilt." But the jury didn't think the governor wrote it.

**GEOLOGICAL SURVEY BUSY.**

Washington, Dec. 11 (A. P.).—Work of the geological survey during the last year in examining government lands has resulted in leaving now classified and reserved 65,000,000 acres of coal lands; 6,500,000 acres of petroleum lands; 4,100,000 acres of oil shale, and 2,700,000 acres containing phosphate suitable for fertilizer manufacture. This summary of activities was given in the survey's annual report, made public today.

**RECORDS STOLEN CHARGES.**

Washington, Dec. 11 (U. P.).—The charge that war fraud records in the department of justice had been stolen before the present administration took control, was made on the floor of the house today by Representative Knutson, Minnesota. Starting out for deer, a hunter at Twisp, Wash., was surprised by a big black bear. By the time he killed and a second one poked its nose above some fallen logs. Then bears seemed to appear from all directions and when he finished his business he had killed five.

**OPPOSITION  
TO SUBSIDY  
ORGANIZED**

**Proceedings in Senate Monday  
Demonstrate Strength of  
Opponents of Harding Pet  
Measure.**

Universal Service.  
Washington, Dec. 11.—The ship subsidy bill was started on its way in the Senate Monday. The full text of the bill was read, together with the majority and minority reports on it. Senator Jones, chairman of the commerce committee, who has the bill in charge, hopes to get the floor Tuesday to make his opening statement explaining the nature and purposes of the measure. Monday's proceedings demonstrated to supporters of the bill that they must fight every inch of the way to overcome the stubborn opposition that will be raised against it. This opposition has all the semblance of a filibuster, despite the announcement by Senator Fletcher and others opposed to the bill that they will not conduct a filibuster, but will seek to defeat the bill by more direct methods.

It was because of a demand made by democratic opponents that the text of the bill had to be read in full. Senator Jones asked unanimous consent that the reading of the bill be dispensed with, but an objection by Senator Robinson blocked this and an additional objection made reading of the two reports necessary. This long reading prevented Jones from opening the debate as he had planned.

Supporters of the bill are convinced that some "rough" tactics may have to be employed to bring the opposition to terms and permit the bill to be voted upon. It is planned to force the Senate to hold night sessions, thereby wearing down the opposition and checking any attempt to filibuster against the bill through the medium of long speeches. Administration senators believe it will be impossible for the opponents to carry on a filibuster long enough to prevent the bill from reaching a vote. If the bill's supporters can muster enough votes to keep the bill constantly before the Senate, they believe the filibuster will wear itself out and the voting stage will be reached.

All the opposition is not confined to the democratic side. Senators LaFollette, Borah and Norris on the republican side intend to oppose it. When Senator Jones called up the bill Monday, Norris proposed to substitute for it the rural credits bill, which, he said, was of greater interest to the farming population. LaFollette is prepared to speak against the bill, probably Tuesday.

Senator Robinson spoke in opposition to a motion by Jones to have the Senate take a recess until 11 o'clock Tuesday in order that it might have a full day to devote to the bill. Robinson declared the subsidy measure was an issue in the recent election, and claimed that the people had expressed disapproval of it by defeating practically every candidate committed to support it. He said that the bill, if considered at all, should go over to the next congress. Administration senators believe it will be impossible for the opponents to carry on a filibuster long enough to prevent the bill from reaching a vote. If the bill's supporters can muster enough votes to keep the bill constantly before the Senate, they believe the filibuster will wear itself out and the voting stage will be reached.

**PARIS DISCUSSES  
ROYAL DIVORCE**

**Prince Carol of Rumania De-  
serts Princess to Return  
to Morganatic Wife,  
Reports Say.**

BY C. F. BERTELLI,  
Universal Service Correspondent.  
Paris, Dec. 11.—According to reports current in Paris Monday night, a royal divorce which is expected to shake European society is in immediate prospect. The Princess Carol of Rumania, formerly Princess Helon of Greece, is making preparations, it is said, to file here an action alleging desertion and misconduct by her husband.

Queen Marie of Rumania, mother of Princess Carol, is making every effort to keep the affair secret. It is stated in high social and diplomatic circles that Prince Carol, for a second time throwing away his chance to the Rumanian throne by his act, deserted his wife a month ago, and returned to his first and morganatic wife, Mile. Jeanne Lambrino, with whom he had eloped originally. Jeanne is of a poor family, although well born. For her Prince Carol contracted a wild gypsy love, but he was forced, under pressure by Queen Marie, his royal mother, and by the Rumanian government and court to give her up in 1919.

Princess Carol is reported to have returned to her home in Athens with her five-month-old daughter. The report current at Bucharest and in Paris is that as soon as she is divorced she will wed a wealthy Greek banker, who, it is said, has been much in love with her for some time. By so doing, she on her part will abandon forever her royal rights.

**APPOINTMENTS APPROVED.**

Washington, Dec. 11 (U. P.).—The senate Monday confirmed President Harding's nominations for the United States coal commission. They had been held up from the previous session. They include John Hays Hammond of Washington, D. C., Thomas Marshall of Indiana; Samuel Alschuler of Illinois; Clark Howell of Georgia; George Otis Smith of Maine; Edward T. Devine of New York; Charles P. Neill, of Washington, D. C.