

POLICE SECURE MYSTERIOUS SWEDE

Stranger Opens Fire on Bridge Watchman When Ordered To Turn Back

Local authorities are holding for investigation an unruly Swede who was taken into custody last evening by Special Officer Bisanz of the Burlington yards. The man was arrested for having shot three times at the watchman, Smith, of the Burlington bridge. Smith saw the man coming across the bridge from the Iowa side and endeavored to stop him, becoming involved in a struggle with him in which the watchman's cane was taken from him and the Swede fired three shots at him, each of them fortunately going wild and leaving him uninjured.

As soon as the man had passed on down the tracks toward this city Smith called the depot on the telephone and notified the station authorities of what had happened. They informed the special officer, who waited for the man and caught him as he entered the yards. He brought him up town and to the jail, intending to put him in. The fellow went along peaceably enough until he reached the jail, when he refused to go in and started a vigorous fight. With the aid of several men who had accompanied them, Bisanz finally landed him in the outer corridor, and when additional help arrived the man was overpowered and placed in the steel cage. Search was then made of his person and a sum of money amounting altogether to \$747.12 was taken from his person, together with a six millimeter Belgian automatic revolver. It was from this gun he had emptied the several charges at Smith. During all this time the stranger kept up a constant shrill flow of words in a tongue which was strange to all present, but which was afterwards found to be Swedish. An interpreter was called and an effort was made to learn something of the man's history. He refused point blank to give his name or any information whatever as to where he was from, or where he was bound for, and used vile and indecent language toward the interpreter. The effort proving fruitless, he was left in the cage over night and today it is probable he will be arraigned for examination as to his sanity. Among other things he told the interpreter was that there were telephones and telegraphs, and they could find out what they wanted by them.

From railroad men and others it is learned that the fellow was a passenger on No. 3 of the Burlington yesterday afternoon with a ticket from New York city to some point in California. The conductor had told him he would have to change cars at Omaha. When the train reached the Junction he got off the train and refused to go further, insisting he had to go west and refusing to ride on the train north to Council Bluffs and Omaha. The conductor tried to argue with him, but he found he could do nothing with him and finally gave him his ticket. When the train pulled out the trainmen saw the man coming down the tracks toward this city. He walked the bridge, having the trouble with the watchman as outlined above.

When searched he was found to have in addition to the money and gun above described, a number of maps, several of them being railroad folders, a Rand-McNally map and one which was different from anything ever seen by the local authorities. This last one showed evidence of having been much handled. His pocketbook also contained many papers which will be examined today. He is described as about 5 feet 9 inches in height and weighing about 160 pounds. He has blue eyes and light hair and a growth of whiskers on his face.

The opinion of all who saw him is that he is insane, as all his actions indicate this to be the case. In addition his tremendous strength when the officers attempted to overpower him indicates the strength which goes with insanity. Sheriff Quinton inclines to the belief that the man is an emigrant to this country, and that he is unfamiliar with its ways which, together with his long journey and fear of robbery, has temporarily deranged him. The interpreter who talked with him at the jail states the man can talk better English than he, and is of the opinion he must have been in the country for several years. The case at all events is a very curious one and the authorities will probe into it as far as they may and see if it can be

unraveled. This morning Sheriff Quinton, in company with L. G. Larson and County Attorney Ramsey made an examination of the papers found on the person of the man, and discovered his name to be Ola Nelson, aged 39, of Venersborg, Sweden. He carried a passport between different points in Sweden, but had none from that country to this. His railroad ticket was dated September 4, and issued at Boston, Mass., for San Diego, Cal., routed over the Boston & Maine, the Burlington, the Denver & Rio Grande and the Southern Pacific railways. In addition his papers, which were very voluminous, contained many documents showing him to have evidently been a farmer in his native country, as weighing tickets for grain and the like were in evidence. That he had recently had real estate transactions was also evidenced by letters on his person. A large number of physicians' prescriptions were also on his person.

An interview was held with Nelson shortly after the examination of his papers by Sheriff Quinton, County Attorney Ramsey and L. G. Larson being present. Mr. Larson acting as interpreter and a remarkable story was elicited from him. Mr. Larson succeeded in convincing him that the examination was meant only for his own welfare and that there was no intention of doing him any harm or attempting to give trouble. When he was satisfied of this he talked freely and it was learned that for the past year or more he has been traveling over the continent of Europe, visiting several different countries, among them being Germany and France, that while in both of these two countries he was held up and robbed of all the money he had with him. When he came across the bridge last evening he had his experience in those countries in mind and when Watchman Smith attempted to stop him he mistook him for a robber and fought him. He went into his antecedents and stated that he was a graduate of an engineering school in his native country and was possessed of considerable wealth there consisting of both money and lands. His passport verified his story of his travels in Europe while other papers showed that his allegations of wealth were well founded. He was a member of several lodges and of several religious societies, being a member of the Lutheran church. When he came west on his way to San Diego, he had mapped out a route which lead him through this city and when the train turned north he thought he was on the wrong train which accounts for his getting off at the Junction. The only bad characteristic which seemed to develop in him was his obstinacy. He refused to continue further on the ticket he had purchased apparently believing he was getting even with the railroad company by refusing to ride. He complained of the incivility and lack of decent treatment which had been shown him and wanted to take the Missouri Pacific here and go to Kansas City, where he would take some other road for his destination. He finally made up his mind to buy a ticket from here to Denver over the Burlington and proceeded from that point as his fancy dictated. The man is well educated and extensively traveled but with a passionate and peculiar temperament.

After listening to the entire conversation and making his examination of both the traveller and his papers County Attorney Ramsey decided he could not be held on any charge as he had certainly backed up his contention of not intending anything wrong when he shot at Smith, by papers and a straight story and therefore he was entitled to be allowed his freedom. This was done shortly before noon and Nelson departed from the jail with Mr. Larson who will look after him and try to get him started on his road again without further mishap.

Miss May Linch arrived in the city this morning and has entered upon her duties at M. Fanger's department store as head trimmer. Miss Linch comes to our city most highly recommended as an artist in her chosen work, and in a few days will have arranged her new styles of up-to-date fall millinery.

Phil E. Becker came in this morning and was a passenger on the excursion for the state fair at Lincoln.

SATURDAY A BIG DAY

Big Parade, Ball Game, Tug-of-War and Other Sports

The clearing weather this morning gives rise to the hopes that it will remain this way until after Saturday, so that the big afternoon which has been arranged by the Merchants' Carnival committee can be given in its entirety. The big parade of the Burlington will take place at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and it is going to be a swell affair. The time which has elapsed between the date it was to be given—last Monday—and Saturday will be utilized to add to its attractiveness, and when it moves it will be something of which not alone the shopmen, but the management of the shops can well be proud. Each shop has spent much time and money in elaborating upon their particular products, and the manner in which they work up the different articles, and it promises to be an industrial parade of more merit than given in much larger cities.

In addition there will be a crack ball game and the fans will have a chance to be on hand and root for their favorites. Other sports are on tap, including the wrestling match between Plattsmouth and Havelock shops, when the brawn and sinew of the two best wrestlers will be pitted together. In addition the tug of war between the teams of the two shops will be given, as the Havelock boys have promised to be on hand and make good. They are good, clean, husky fellows, and the local lads will have to go a lot. In addition a great foot race will take place, and 100 yards will be covered in about as fast time as amateur records hold. Then there will be a number of other contests which will be interesting, and at the same time instructive. All these will be between the two shops and many Havelock people will attend to cheer on their favorites.

The fire department intends to put on some thrilling and exciting stunts which will not be announced, but which can be safely said to be worth going miles to see. The boys are anxious to do their share toward making the afternoon a grand success, and they will furnish their share of amusement and excitement. The hub and hub race between the two carts, the red and white will take place on Sixth street, and it will be a dinger, as both carts are determined to win, and the rivalry between them is intense. Added to the spectacle of seeing two well matched teams of men racing down the street, there is always an element of danger present, in which some one may fall beneath the heavy carts while the comedy element is there in the shape of a failure to properly pipe the hose and getting deluged in a rush of water.

After the hub and hub race the crowd will be treated to a water fight between the two teams. This will take place on lower Main street and two men from each cart will turn the hose on one another and keep it going until one team or the other is vanquished. This promises to keep the crowd in an uproar, and will give the partisans of each cart something to brag over for a long time to come. These are but a part of the attractions which have been arranged.

The Woodman band, a crack musical organization, will lead the parade, and also play at the events. This band did fine work during the carnival and has won a place for itself in the hearts of all. It can be seen there will be attractions enough to pay every one in the city to come down town, and those outside to drive miles to get in. Plattsmouth has found out how to handle a big thing now, and this will demonstrate it. Farmers are especially invited to come in and bring their families and hear good music, as well as witness some highly enjoyable and attractive events.

Notice to Patrons.

Unknown to the publisher of the Journal a galley of addresses of his patrons, principally at Cedar Creek, was pried and for the past two weeks the paper has not been delivered to them. The publisher deeply regrets the occurrence, which was unknown to him until this morning, when he received a letter from Miss Kaufman, postmistress at Cedar Creek, calling his attention to the matter. Miss Kaufman was not in any manner to blame for the failure to deliver the papers and the publisher assures the patrons of her office that hereafter there will be no cause for complaint on this score.

"If a man keeps my saying, he shall never see death." Hear the celebrated Christian Science lecturer, Frank H. Leonard, C. S. B., at the Parnelle theatre, Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

BANKERS ARE IN SESSION

Convention of Nebraska Association Opens at Omaha.

BANK GUARANTY CRITICISED.

New Idea is Condemned by President Burnham in His Annual Address. Urges Adoption of Howey Plan, Which Calls for Supervision and Control of Members Through Application of Clearing House Principles.

Omaha, Sept. 9.—With some sharp criticism of "bank guaranty" legislation, President C. E. Burnham opened the thirteenth annual convention of the Nebraska Bankers' association. After mentioning the action of the last legislature, he said:

"Believing that this was a personal matter, we have studiously avoided any action being taken by this association in an official manner. Personally, I am opposed to the so called guaranty, but considering, as I believe, the minority has rights which the majority is bound to respect, I have endeavored, with the help of our secretary and others, to keep the association free from litigation.

"I am one of those old fashioned bankers who believe that the only way of providing against bank disaster is to adhere strictly to the lines of legitimate banking, which in the long run will not only result in better banking, but greater confidence. It is not possible to expect the people to put their absolute trust and their money into institutions which agitators are attempting to discredit.

Banking Vital to Business.

"Banking is necessary to the business of the people and commonwealth; were it segregated from the balance of the business world, a sort of a parasite upon the industry of others, then deposit guaranty might be necessary, but in the direct analysis of the whole question, it is the mass of the people who suffer from the shaken confidence and not the capitalist alone. For this reason, I am firmly convinced that the better plan would be to leave the entire matter of better security to the depositor, to the men engaged in the banking business, and by adopting what we of Nebraska know as the 'Howey plan,' we will do more towards providing for the depositor more security than any legislative plan yet suggested. This idea was advanced by Mr. Howey in 1906, prior to the adoption by any political party of any so called bank guaranty plan, and again after our last meeting in 1908."

Mr. Burnham then briefly outlined the "Howey plan," which calls for a supervision and control of members of the Nebraska Bankers' association through the application of clearing house principles, and includes the strictest sort of examination of members by specially employed experts.

More Spinal Meningitis.

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 9.—State Health Inspector Wilson received several more reports of cerebro spinal meningitis affecting persons at Elm Creek, Ulysses and other points. While Dr. Langfeld of Omaha is quoted as having said the disease is not cerebro spinal meningitis, Dr. Wilson, from his reports he is receiving, has no doubt of the correct diagnosis by the local physicians. During July eighteen deaths were reported to the inspector and while the reports for August have not yet been compiled, it is believed the number will be higher.

MORE FLOUR IS SEIZED

Federal Officers Take Car Load of "Bleached" Flour.

LaCrosse, Wis., Sept. 9.—Federal officers seized a carload of flour at Vazomania, Wis., and another at Madison, Wis. Instructions have been issued by the federal district attorney to make other seizures through the western district of Wisconsin.

All of the flour to be taken is the output of the Columbus roller mills of Columbus, Neb., and is alleged to have been bleached with nitrogen peroxide in violation of the pure food laws. The company will fight the proceedings and make a test case of the statute.

Seek Clue in Postoffice Records.

Washington, Sept. 9.—First Assistant Postmaster General Grandfield granted permission by telegraph for the investigation of the postoffice records at Detroit and Ann Arbor by the police authorities to aid them in their efforts to obtain a clue to the person who is supposed to have sent a remittance to Miss Maybelle Millman, whose mutilated body was found in Ecorse creek, near Detroit.

St. Joseph to Try Commission Plan.

St. Joseph, Mo., Sept. 9.—By an overwhelming vote St. Joseph adopted a new charter at a special election, which places the city in the list of those operating under the commission form of government.

Issues Call for Bank Statement.

Washington, Sept. 9.—The comptroller of the currency issued a call for a statement of business of national banks at the close of business on Sept. 1.

IF YOU'D HAD IT IN THE BANK YOU WOULDN'T HAVE SPENT IT. IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO LEARN.



Are you satisfied with what you have to show for last year's hard work? You are a year older why not be a year wiser? Start that savings account today. NOW IS THE TIME. It will make you happy and every dollar added to it makes you a happier man and a better citizen.

We will pay you three per cent interest on the money you put in our bank and compound the interest every twelve months.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

Plattsmouth, Nebraska

Fined for Fast Driving.

Yesterday afternoon William Volk was arraigned in police court before Judge Archer charged with having failed to stop his automobile when signalled by John E. Bowers, who was driving a team upon the highway. Mr. Bowers' team ran away, but fortunately neither he nor his wife, who accompanied him, were injured. He came in and had the county attorney file a complaint under the state law. Volk appeared and pleaded guilty. Judge Archer fined him \$5 and cost, amounting to \$6, which he paid. Volk was released after paying the fine and receiving a lecture from the court upon reckless running of machines. This is the first time he has been arrested for this offense, but a number of complaints have been made at different times of his recklessness in this respect. At one time action to have his license taken away was mediated.

Worth Trying.

There are many things in this world not worth trying, although highly praised in advertisements. But, if a thing gives perfect satisfaction in thousands of cases, it certainly is worth trying. Why does people in malarial regions us quinine? Because the results obtained are satisfactory. For the same reason Triner's American Elixir of Bitter Wine is used in all maladies of the stomach and of the intestines, in poverty of blood and in nervous disorders. It is worth trying in such cases. Keeping in mind that a healthy digestive system means health of the whole body, it should be your aim to avoid any disturbance of it. As soon as your appetite will be weak or your digestion slow, use Triner's American Elixir of Bitter Wine. At druggists. Jos. Triner, 1333-1339 South Ashland avenue, Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. M. Waybright of Los Angeles, Cal., is in the city making a visit with Mrs. A. J. Beeson and family and joining Mr. Waybright, who has been here for several months. Mrs. Waybright's many friends were much pleased at the manifest benefit her residence in California has had on her and can well believe she is greatly pleased with her home there.

Advertised Letter List.

The following letters remained uncalled for in the Plattsmouth post-office September 7, 1909. Unless called for within a reasonable length of time they will be sent to the dead letter office at Washington. When calling for same please say "advertised." Mrs. E. D. Cooper, Mrs. Lou Russel, Mrs. Maggie White, Wm. H. Bates, Frank McNamara, Thomas McNamara, Ed. Rhonek, Frank Shoemaker, Mat Sigmon, Matthew Sigmon, Bob Sind, J. E. VonDorn, Ray Wyatt.

It's a pity when sick ones drug the stomach or stimulate the Heart and Kidneys. That is all wrong! A weak Stomach means weak Stomach nerves, always. And this is also true of the Heart and Kidneys. The weak nerves are instead crying out for help. This explains why Dr. Shoop's Restorative is promptly helping Stomach, Heart and Kidney ailments. The Restorative reaches out for the actual cause of these ailments—the falling "inside nerves." Anyway test the Restorative 48 hours. It won't cure so soon as that, but you will surely know that help is coming. Sold by all dealers.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to return our deepest and most sincere thanks to the many kind friends and neighbors for the aid and sympathy shown us during the illness and death of our beloved husband and father, George W. Osborn, and for the many floral tributes. We especially desire to thank the members of the G. A. R. for their unceasing efforts to aid us in every way, and the many courtesies they extended us.

Mrs. G. W. Osborn and Family.

A pleasing, good, high grade, truly flavored, amber colored cup of coffee can be had—and without the real coffee danger, or damage to health—by simply using Dr. Shoop's new substitute, called "Health Coffee." Pure, wholesome, toasted cereals, malt, nuts, etc. make Dr. Shoop's Health Coffee both healthful and satisfying. No 20 to 30 minutes tedious boiling. "Made in a minute," says Dr. Shoop. If served as coffee, it's taste will even trick an expert. Test it and see. F. S. White.

DUTCHESS

GUESSING CONTEST!

The buttons in the Dutchess jar will be counted at our store Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, by Frank E. Schlater and H. N. Dovey. The person guessing nearest to the correct number will receive free a pair of \$3.50 Dutchess trousers to fit. The jar is in our west window. Guesses will be accepted up to Saturday morning.

C. E. Wescott's Sons

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