

GERMAN VETS GATHER IN OMAHA

Five Thousand Delegates Take Part in Reunion.

TWO BUNDS ARE IN SESSION.

Men Who Fought Shoulder to Shoulder in Wars of Long Ago in the Fatherland Again Meet and Recount Their Experiences.

Omaha, Sept. 2.—The convention of the National and Western Kriegsverbände, which is to continue until Tuesday evening, convened this morning at the German home. The two bunds are holding their convention here simultaneously and the main part of the morning was devoted to the discussion of business matters.

A royal welcome was given Richard Mueller of New York, president of the National bund, who, with a large number of other eastern delegates, arrived on a special train from the east this afternoon. Over 5,000 German veterans are in the city.

For this evening at the Auditorium is scheduled the presentation of living pictures of the Franco-German war. These scenes, twenty-seven in number, are to be given by members of the Omaha societies and have been weeks in preparation. They depict scenes which are familiar to many of the assembled veterans and occupy about two hours in their presentation. The presentation will be followed by a military ball.

BARTON BACK FROM TRIP

Commissioners From Three States Will Decide Woodman Controversy.

Lincoln, Sept. 2.—State Auditor Barton has returned from Milwaukee and Chicago. He reports that the Canadian Order of Foresters, charged with diverting funds of the order, accused for the funds by saying they have created a special fund to be used in making good bad investments of a former officer of the order and that none of the officers has profited by the method of accounting. The insurance commissioner of South Dakota will join the auditor of Nebraska and the commissioner of Iowa in deciding the complaint against the management of the Woodmen Circle.

Kearney Farmer Dragged in Mower

Kearney, Neb., Sept. 2.—Bert Armstrong, a farmer living north of here six miles, was frightfully injured while employed on the William Lowenstein lands. The horses became frightened when the harness broke and ran away with the mowing machine, to which they were hitched. Armstrong was thrown in front of the machine and the blades of the sickle cut his leg and body in deep gashes. Meddles assistance was secured and the injured man stands a chance to recover.

Holdrege Cow Has Varied Bill of Fare

Holdrege, Neb., Sept. 2.—A Phelps county cow has done remarkably well in the matter of solving the high cost of living. Unfortunately it was not known how well she was succeeding along this line until she was dead. In the stomach of a three-year-old heifer killed by local butchers was found a remarkable collection of rusty nails, old iron, glass and similar articles, generally placed on a cow's bill of fare.

Arranging for Taft's Visit.

Lincoln, Sept. 2.—United States Senator Brown arrived in the city for the purpose of completing arrangements for the reception of President Taft when he visits Lincoln, Oct. 2. According to Senator Brown steps will be made by the presidential special train between Lincoln and Hastings to which place he goes from here. It is said President Taft will make a short speech at each of the stops.

California Liability Law in Effect.

San Francisco, Sept. 2.—California's new employers' liability law, abolishing the contributory negligence and fellow servant defenses in action for damages brought by injured employees, went into effect. The law provides fixed compensations for injured workmen, benefits to widows and orphans and medical and surgical attention. The employer is held liable for any injury sustained by an employee in the performance of his duty.

Engineers Overcome by Gas.

Syracuse, N. Y., Sept. 2.—Rexford D. Lyon and Oliver K. Harwood, city engineers employed on an intercepting sewer, were overcome by gas in the sewer here and died before they could be rescued. Both men were about thirty years old. Harwood was a famous football player for Syracuse university and was at one time nominated as an all-American center.

Wanders Naked in Desert.

Reno, Nev., Sept. 2.—Crazed, apparently by the heat, James Mahoney, a former New York policeman, said to be a relative of W. Bourke Cockran, either perished or is wandering stark naked on the Nevada desert, fifty miles east of Reno, near the Eagle salt works.

NEW COURSES FOR SCHOOL

Mason City May Have Manual Training and Mental Work in Curriculum.

Mason City, Ia., Sept. 2.—To furnish the pupils finishing the eighth grade of the public schools an optional course to induce them to remain in the schools of the city is the plan of the board of education in its plea for an additional appropriation of \$175,000 for school purposes.

The courses outlined embody manual training, metal work, commercial courses and agriculture for boys and domestic science as it is applied to the kitchen and the nursery and the dressmaking departments as well as agriculture for the girls.

If these plans can be carried out promoters of the scheme say Mason City will have the best equipped schools in the state for all departments of active life. The eighth grade, it is explained, is the point where the largest slump in school attendance takes place.

YOUTH HIT BY FREIGHT

Ralph Chaney of Jefferson Will Die as Result of Injuries.

Jefferson, Ia., Sept. 2.—Ralph Chaney, aged eighteen, was struck by a train on the Northwestern and now lies at the point of death with a crushed skull.

Chaney was coming into Jefferson from the north when a special freight train, running at the rate of sixty miles an hour, struck the buggy in which he was riding. Chaney was caught in the top of the buggy, which fell on the engine pilot, and was carried a distance of five blocks before the trainmen could stop the train and remove him. No hope is entertained for his recovery.

TRIPLE TRAGEDY AT KIMBALLTOWN

Woman Kills Stepson, Shoots
Husband and Self.

Kimballtown, Ia., Sept. 2.—Mrs. Paul Anderson, thirty-two years old, killed her eight-year-old stepson, it is claimed, and shot her husband and herself. After the shooting she set fire to their home and it was burned to the ground. But little of the boy's body was left.

The cause of the shooting is not known. The Andersons had been married about four years, and it is said that they have had domestic trouble in the past. There is said to have been a quarrel, at which the county attorney and sheriff interfered. After the officers had left the woman is alleged to have killed the boy and then attempted to kill her husband and herself. Neither she nor Anderson are injured seriously. The woman is in jail at Audubon.

IS CHARGED WITH BIGAMY

O. K. Hanson, Formerly of Nashua, Arrested in Missouri.

Nashua, Ia., Sept. 2.—O. K. Hanson, a former resident of this city, is in jail in Worth county, Missouri, charged with bigamy. Hanson, who is a trainer of horses, has a wife and two sons living in Nashua and on Dec. 4, 1910, he is said to have been married to Miss Effie Garrett at Sheridan, Mo., where he has been the past two years.

The Hansons left Nashua about eight years ago, going to North Dakota, and about three or four years ago Mrs. Hanson and children returned and have since made Nashua their home. Hanson, whose occupation took him from place to place, visiting them on different occasions, the last visit being in April of this year.

Runaway Accident Fatal.

Newton, Ia., Sept. 2.—George Shields, who had his head crushed in a runaway accident Tuesday, died of his injuries without having regained consciousness.

Dedicate Fort Defiance Monument.

Eatherville, Ia., Sept. 2.—The two days' celebration attending the dedication of the Fort Defiance monument was largely attended.

HIDE DEALER ARRESTED

H. H. Tilley of Aberdeen Charged With Misuse of Mails.

Aberdeen, S. D., Sept. 2.—H. H. Tilley, proprietor of the Dakota Hide and Fur company, which has been conducting a business here for some time, has been arrested by Deputy United States Marshal Byron McVeigh on a charge of using the mails to defraud, and upon examination before William Wallace, United States commissioner, he was held to await the action of the federal court.

Tilley is accused of advertising in a number of farm papers in South Dakota and Montana that he would pay the highest market prices for furs and hides and that he would tan them into robes and harness leather, but the government claims he never manufactured the goods received from the advertisements, but instead converted them to his own use without paying the persons who shipped them to him.

Mosquito Bite Kills Woman.

Edwardsville, Pa., Sept. 2.—Jennie Powell, eighty years old, is dead here from a mosquito bite. She was bitten on the arm a week ago and poisoned the wound by scratching it with her finger nails.

CARMEN MAY STRIKE AGAIN

Des Moines Street Railway Work May Break Out Afresh.

MOTORMAN ROBERTS IS FIRED

Adviser for the Union in Iowa Capital Returns to Work and is Discharged for Smoking, Which Offense He Denies—Mrs. Coons Insane.

Des Moines, Sept. 2.—Rumors of another impending street car strike were circulated in Des Moines when Motorman Watson Roberts, adviser for the union in the settlement of the late strike, returned to his work and at the end of his run was called to the private office of Superintendent Kalkstein and discharged on the charge of smoking while on duty. He denies the charge.

The case will be taken up at a special meeting of the street car men this afternoon and arbitration will again be asked for, as it was in the case of Conductor Hyatt. The result, an treaty must necessarily come under the old contract, which does not expire until Oct. 1.

Roberts declared he went to work to obey the De Graff injunction.

Mrs. Coons Declared Insane.

It was decided to take to the asylum at Clarinda, Mrs. A. G. Coons of Des Moines, who, armed with a hatpin, is said to have threatened the life of J. R. Harrigan, manager of the Des Moines City railway. She was found to be insane by the Polk county commissioners of insanity. Mrs. Coons is said to have threatened to kill Mr. Harrigan because of his attitude in the recent strike of street car men.

Rural Mail Men Hold State Meet.

The need of an ample national appropriation for the construction and maintenance of good macadamized country roads was emphasized by each speaker at the session of the twelfth convention of the Iowa Rural Letter Carriers' association at the Coliseum. Congressman Prouty delivered the principal address on the theme of good roads and their development.

POLICE CAPTAIN ON TRIAL

Sioux City Officer Charged With Accepting Presents.

Sioux City, Ia., Sept. 2.—Captain Jack Newell of the police force was placed on trial before the civil service commission. Desk Sergeant George Pierce testified he saw Retta Tappan, keeper of the "Bates house," give Newell money. The Tappan woman refused to testify whether or not she did so "on the ground that her testimony might incriminate her."

Edith Sorenson testified that she gave Newell a diamond ring. A shake-up in the department is expected to follow the revelations.

Big Time for Speaker Clark.

Davenport, Ia., Sept. 2.—Speaker Clark is to be lionized by local Democrats when he comes to Davenport to deliver the Labor day oration. A reception committee of 100 leading citizens has been appointed to arrange for a public reception to Mr. Clark at the Hotel Davenport Monday evening.

Claims Contract is Illegal.

Iowa City Ia., Sept. 2.—An injunction suit against the city council and Contractor William Horrabin was instituted here. Property holders are trying to prevent the laying of \$60,000 worth of bituminous paving. The petitioners allege the contract was awarded illegally.

Calamus Woman is Suing Lodge.

Clinton, Ia., Sept. 2.—Claiming her husband, Nathan Keith, is dead because of an absence of seven years, Mrs. Lizzie Keith of Calamus has brought suit for \$2,000, the amount of the policy held by her husband in the Modern Woodmen of America.

Mrs. Kirkwood is Ninety.

Iowa City, Ia., Sept. 2.—Mrs. Samuel J. Kirkwood, widow of Iowa's famous war governor, quietly celebrated her ninetieth birthday. No formal observance was held, but a large number of pioneers called on her and tendered felicitations.

S. V. Carr is Dead.

Ida Grove, Ia., Sept. 2.—Word was received here of the death in the Marshalltown soldiers' home of S. V. Carr, one of the first settlers of Ida county and the first mayor of the town of Ida Grove.

Iowa Beef Producers Organize.

Des Moines, Sept. 2.—The Iowa Beef Producers' association has been organized by breeders and feeders of pure bred cattle in the state. It is expected to include 15,000 cattlemen.

Explode Bomb at Dubuque.

Dubuque, Ia., Sept. 2.—A dynamite bomb was exploded outside the establishment of George Mulholland. The detonation alarmed the city, but the damage was slight.

Motorcycles in Collision.

Rock Rapids, Ia., Sept. 2.—In a head-on motorcycle collision near here Frank Dougherty and John Borman, sons of prominent farmers, were instantly killed.

BEN JOHNSON.
Kentucky Legislator
Who is First Civilian
To Fly in Army Airship.



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BEN JOHNSON IN FLIGHT

Death Dips in Army Plane Delight
Kentucky Representative.

Washington, Sept. 2.—Representative Ben Johnson of Kentucky has made his first flight in an aeroplane and gained the distinction of being the first person outside of army circles to be a passenger at the army aviation school at College Park, Md.

Lieutenant Arnold, finding his passenger courageous, shot higher and higher and put his plane through the whole aerial repertory, including figure eights, death dips and spiral glides.

FORECLOSURE SUITS AGAINST LEWIS

Mortgages on University City
Property Must Be Satisfied.

St. Louis, Sept. 2.—Foreclosure suits were filed in the United States circuit court by non-residents asking that three pieces of real estate owned by E. G. Lewis companies be sold to satisfy mortgages. The property consists of one tract of sixty-eight acres of improved property in University City, the Woman's Magazine building and the real estate it occupied and the Woman's National Daily and its real estate. The mortgages covered by the suits aggregate \$826,250.

CONDENSED NEWS

A total production of 12,918,200 bales of cotton as the final yield this year is indicated by the department of agriculture's official report.

Dr. Walter Owen Ryan, said to have been a wealthy physician, formerly of Springfield, Ill., shot and killed his wife and then committed suicide at their home in Los Angeles.

During an artillery drill at Fort Sill Private Eugene Payne was killed when a six-horse swing team he was driving ran away. He was trampled under the feet of the horses.

The sum which Colonel John Jacob Astor settled upon his fiancée, Miss Madeline Force, in the marriage agreement signed at Newport was \$5,000,000, according to the New York Herald.

The National Beekeepers' association adopted resolutions requesting congress to enact a law governing the interstate shipment of bee colonies and honey, and the establishment of apary departments in state agricultural schools.

Hiding for five years the fact that he had a wooden leg and despondent when the discovery of the fact led to his discharge by the railway company for which he had worked all the time, Louis N. Bagby shot and killed himself at St. Paul, Ky.

Dr. A. W. McDavitt, a dentist charged with a statutory offense following the alleged imprisonment for fifteen months in his offices at San Bernardino, Cal., of Jessie McDonald, a high school girl, was held to answer before the superior court.

Peter Barr Sweeney, one of the few leaders connected with the Tweed administration in New York city who were held blameless in the exposure of that historic ring, is dead at his summer home on Lake Mahopac from the effects of an injury. He was eighty-six years old.

Up in Anoka county, Minnesota, a few miles from Minneapolis, the farmers are digging a million dollars out of the ground. The greatest potato crop that county ever grew is ready for the market. The growers have received all the way from 85 cents to \$1.50 a bushel at delivery stations.

REJECTS DEMAND OF FIVE UNIONS

Kruttschnitt Refuses to Recognize Federation of Shopmen

STILL HOPE TO AVERT STRIKE

Refuses to Even Recognize Existence of New Organization—Representatives of Men Immediately Go Into Secret Session.

San Francisco, Sept. 2.—The Southern Pacific Railroad company, through Julius Kruttschnitt, vice president and director of maintenance and operation of the Harriman lines, absolutely rejected a demand for recognition of the federation of shop employees comprising five shop craft unions and 25,000 men.

That such recognition, with its implications, would hamper the company in performing its duty to the public was the position taken by its officials. Union leaders asked for it on grounds of economy and expedition, and admittedly because of a feeling that greater centralization of capital and power made corresponding centralization among various unions desirable.

The unions involved had asked their general officers for permission to strike in the event of the refusal to grant recognition of the federation.

A conference lasting three hours and twenty minutes was terminated by Mr. Kruttschnitt's final answer and following it the union representatives, sober faced, went into session by themselves, to consider the strike vote which they may accept as binding or may reject, refusing to sanction a strike.

Kline Presents Case.

President Kline presented the case for the unions and replied to questions put to him by the railroad officials, who acted without a formal spokesman during the discussion. Mr. Kline based his pleading on economic grounds, and one of the officials said "held his own" in the questioning from his angle of the case.

Once or twice the discussion became lively, but it never ranged beyond cool headed argument. The railroad officials, in their turn, took the position already publicly announced by Mr. Kruttschnitt that the federation's power and demands would render it impossible for them to perform the duties and carry responsibilities which make them in the words of Mr. Kruttschnitt "quasi-public officials."

Kruttschnitt Issues Statement.

At the end of the conference Mr. Kruttschnitt issued the following statement:

"A conference was held between the national officers of the shop employees and Southern Pacific officials. In the conference the question of the benefits to accrue to both the company and the men from a federation was fully presented by the international officers and the officers of the railroad company explained at length the embarrassment that the company would experience in performing its public functions if hampered by a committee vested with sufficient power to control or partially control its operations. The discussion ended without altering the situation."

Union leaders have made no secret of their anxiety to avert a strike if it can be done and means to that end were canvassed fully in their meeting. "Our meeting with Mr. Kruttschnitt was without result," said W. Kline. "Neither side would concede anything. The demand that he recognizes the federation was presented to Mr. Kruttschnitt, but he refused to grant it. However we still have hopes of averting a strike."

The Southern Pacific company continues to lay off men, between seventy-five and 100 men from its auditing staff having been let out. Most of these men have been employed as train auditors and this work will be done by conductors from now on.

Train Inspectors Laid Off.

Omaha, Sept. 2.—Again the axe of retrenchment has been wielded along the lines of the Harriman system of railroads and a bunch of forty-three heads have dropped into the basket. This number of train inspectors on the Union Pacific lines in Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming and Utah have been dropped from the payroll.

I. C. Employees Serve Notice.

Chicago, Sept. 2.—Representatives of the international unions composing the federated shop employees of the Illinois Central, whose association has been refused recognition by President Markham of the railroad, gave thirty days' formal notice that they desire alterations in their contracts.

Mayor of Cass Lake Arrested.

St. Paul, Sept. 2.—A warrant issued by United States District Attorney C. C. Hopt for the arrest of Dr. D. F. Dumas, mayor of Cass Lake, Minn., was served on Dr. Dumas while he was en route from Bemidji to Cass Lake. The warrant charges conspiracy to rob a United States postoffice.

Gives Life to Save Child.

Cleveland, Sept. 2.—Clark Presley, driver of a coal wagon, jumped in front of an interurban car at Nottingham in an attempt to save Ralph Huselton, three years old, from being run over, and was struck and killed. The child will recover.

SKIN OF A BADGER.

So Loose the Animal Can Almost Turn Somersaults in It.

The pelt of an adult badger is extremely thick and difficult for a biting adversary to penetrate, writes a trapper in Fur News, and so loosely does the skin cover the body that the animal is able to turn almost around in its hide.

Should a dog acquire a hold on the throat the badger turns himself so that the dog's grip is on the back of the badger's neck without having loosened his first hold. Then the badger secures a viselike grip upon some enervable portion of his enemy, and while his long tusks penetrate to the limit he digs and scratches with his front feet that are furnished with claws almost as formidable and deadly as might be expected from an anteater of the dark continent.

He who has removed the pelt of a badger and is at all observing does not wonder at this animal being sharp bitten and that he is able to hang with bulldog tenacity when the formation and adjustment of its jaws are noted. Neither is it so much of a mystery how he manages to bore through the soil so rapidly that half a dozen men with shovels cannot overtake him, for he is a mass of cords and muscles, particularly in the neck, chest and shoulders, very similar in physical construction to the ground mole.

The badger toes inward sharply when traveling and always on the walk, twisting about here and there very much like the movement of a skunk, while if it be in winter he makes a business of hunting buried dormant woodchucks.

He is a fur bearer of rather coarse quality, and there is a great range of value in the pelts taken, depending upon the length of the coat. A badger is chiefly valuable when it has a long coat, so that the guard hairs can be plucked and used to make shaving brushes.

CORSICAN CRUELTY.

It Loomed Up Large in Napoleon's Treatment of Children.

Napoleon had a singular rage for pulling children's ears, sometimes so hard as to make the poor children cry. Caroline was very vexed when she saw her little Achilles the victim of his uncle's caresses, and more than once her son's tears made her weep too.

One day the First Consul, pulling the ears of the little fellow, hurt him, and he cried out. To teach him not to cry his uncle pulled his ear again, harder. Achilles, having freed himself, came back to him in a fury and, raising his little fist, shouted:

"You are a villain, a wicked, wicked villain!"

To prove the contrary Napoleon should have embraced his nephew and made him forget the pain he had gratuitously inflicted by some show of affection. But tenderness was not in his character. Corsicans scarcely know what it means, and though Napoleon used to say, "I am less of a Corsican than one thinks," he was really more so than any one or he himself thought.

Instead of quieting his nephew he became angry and gave him a violent slap on the face. The child ran weeping to his Uncle Lucien, who was present, while Mme. Murat was so upset that she was taken ill. "From the effort," says Lucien, who relates this episode, "she made to control her feelings, which such violence to her child outraged. As for the First Consul, he left the room, shrugging his shoulders and slamming the door and saying that Caroline had always been an affected creature and acted like all parents who spoiled their children."—Turquan's "Sisters of Napoleon."

Old Time Smallpox Cure.

To cure smallpox was apparently a very simple matter in the good old times. John of Gaddesden, court doctor to Edward II., has recorded that he got rid of the disease by the simple expedient of wrapping his patients in red cloth.

"Let scarlet red be taken," he says, "and let him who is suffering smallpox be entirely wrapped in it or in some other red cloth. I did this when the son of the illustrious king of England suffered from smallpox. I took care that all about his bed should be red, and that cure succeeded very well."—London Chronicle.

Would Do Just as Well.

A well known clergyman who is very stout was having unusual difficulty one morning in lacing his shoes. "My dear, you ought to have a valet," remarked his wife sympathetically.

"A valet?" echoed the clergyman. "Well, my dear, if I had a valet where I now have a mountain it would answer."—Ladies' Home Journal.

Shifting the Burden.

"I note that you employ a great many quotations from the poets in your speeches."

"Yes," replied the orator. "Just now in my district it is desirable to say as little as possible for which you can be held personally responsible."—Washington Star.

A Better Way.

"I never throw away old junk, for that would make me feel wasteful."

"What do you do with it?"

"I give it away and feel charitable."—Washington Herald.

Paying His Lawyer.

Lawyer (annoyed)—Better take your case somewhere else. You are too thin skinned for me. Client—Hardly pay to skin me, eh?—Boston Transcript.