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Superintendent of Schools at Gretna, Held on Charge of Beating Boy, Freed.

Lad Sobs in Testifying

E. L. Witte, superintendent of schools at Gretna, charged with assault and battery upon Howard Watson, 11, on complaint of the boy's father, was acquitted yesterday after a trial lasting all day before County Judge J. M. Wheat at Papillion.

It was alleged that Superintendent Witte had beaten young Watson with a piece of rubber tubing and had punished him so severely that numerous welts were left upon the boy's body.

Judge Wheat, in giving his judgment of not guilty, said he did not feel it his duty to interfere with the conduct of the public schools where the evidence did not bring out any facts of flagrant violation of the law.

William R. Patrick, attorney for the defendant, argued that a school official was justified in meting out corporal punishment and quoted the Bible as a justification.

Blair Banker Who Must Face Charges



F. H. Claridge.

Claridge to Go to Trial Oct. 1 on Banking Charges

State Prepares to Move Against Man Who Disappeared Leaving Shortage of \$800,000.

Lincoln, Sept. 25.—(Special.)—Fred H. Claridge, former head of the banking house of A. Castetter, Blair, Neb., finally is to go to trial.

Attorney General Clarence A. Davis announced today that Claridge would be placed on trial about October 1.

The former president of the now defunct bank, charged with violating the state banking laws, surrendered at Blair August 29, 1921, after a disappearance of six months. Specific complaints in the warrant issued for his arrest at the time of the failure charge that he fraudulently borrowed money from the capital funds of the bank to finance a land company in Blair in which he was a partner.

In addition to the original charges, Davis stated today he will file additional charges of embezzlement and falsifying reports to the state banking board.

Claridge's disappearance on February 27, 1921, uncovered one of the most disastrous bank failures in Nebraska history. A partial report from the state examiner showed discrepancies of more than \$800,000. The failure necessitated a drain of \$700,000 on the state guarantee fund to cover the losses, according to Davis.

Claridge was welcomed with open arms by the citizens of Blair on his return, many depositors of the bank declaring they did not wish to prosecute.

Bankers of the state are pushing the prosecution, due to the inroads on the guarantee fund necessary to cover the loss. It is said.

Judge Refuses to Hold Aero Club Trophies

New York, Sept. 25.—The fear that the Pulitzer and Curtis trophies, for which aviators are to race at Detroit next month, might be tied up here by the injunction proceedings brought by Henry Woodhouse, former president of the Aero Club of America, to enjoin the trustees of that organization for disposing of its assets, passed today.

"I can give no directions about them, as I have nothing before me concerning them," he said. The trustees had promised to return the trophies safely from Detroit. They are now held in trust in a Brooklyn warehouse.

Kerosene Price Up in East.

New York, Sept. 25.—The Standard Oil company of New York today advanced the price of kerosene in New York and New England 1 cent a gallon. The new price is 14c.

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Campaign Reopened by Howell

Republican Candidate for U. S. Senator Renews Election Fight After Brief Rest.

Starts Speeches at Alma

By F. C. POWELL, Staff Correspondent, The Omaha Bee.

Alma, Neb., Sept. 25.—Special Telegram.—Fresh from a brief rest after his 1240-mile tour of the Sixth congressional district, R. B. Howell, candidate for United States Senate, opened his campaign with renewed vigor today in the Fifth district with a speech at Alma.

Other towns on the day's schedule were Oxford, Beaver City and Orleans.

Mr. Howell started this morning from Holdrege and there was genuine regret expressed by a large crowd which gathered at the Holdrege hotel, that he would be unable to speak there. However, Mr. Howell assured the crowd that he would talk there in October.

From Holdrege, two autos filled with men and women followed the Howell car through Phelps county. The party included Dr. E. T. Whitehead, candidate for the legislature, and Mrs. Whitehead; Dr. Rachel A. Long, State Senator Fred A. Brown; W. W. Allen, chairman republican county central committee; Sheriff G. A. Anderson, E. E. Nelson, S. A. Anderson, E. J. O'Shea, W. O. Brunson and C. C. Porter.

Ex-Democrat in Delegation.

At Atlanta Mr. Howell was met by a delegation composed of W. F. Case and Mrs. W. B. Fulk, who was a democrat until the last year, when, according to her statement to Mr. Howell, she became convinced that Senator Hitchcock declaring he is for law enforcement and refusing, so far, to state openly if he had abandoned his stand in favor of light wines and beer.

"It looks like a clever attempt at betrayal of the prohibitionists," she said.

Reaching Oxford at 11:30, Mr. Howell found the high school civics class with notebooks waiting to prepare an essay. He set forth his proposed action of nonprotection of the primary law, his pledge to join the farm bloc, and his insistence that the failure of Secretary McAdoo to obtain negotiable securities for the billions loaned England be righted and the money collected despite propaganda under way at this time to cancel the debt.

Large Crowd Assembled.

Despite the fact that through an oversight, Mr. Merwin, old-time friend of Mr. Howell, and editor of the Beaver City Times-Tribune, did not know Mr. Howell was to speak there, except through a schedule published in a newspaper, a good crowd was on hand in the afternoon when Mr. Howell arrived at Beaver City. The excellent Beaver City band was playing as the party drove into the city. With W. B. Whitney, precinct committeeman, and J. D. Phillips, Mr. Howell went to the auditorium, where he held his audience for more than an hour.

The Beaver City auditorium drew much praise from Mr. Howell, and he congratulated the citizens of the community for their enterprise in erecting it.

The first floor is equipped to hold assemblies, while the basement is equipped with a basketball court, shower baths and a modern radio outfit where the youths and old folks gather in the evenings to hear concerts from Denver and other cities.

Praises State Ticket.

Mr. Howell, in his speeches today, continued to praise the state ticket and before launching into a discussion on national issues emphasized the fact that 81 cents of the tax dollar was spent by the school districts, leaving 19 cents for the state.

"I would advise formation of local organizations to call on your local officers to urge reduction in taxes and also would advise that they call on your legislative candidates to insure reduction in state taxes as the legislature votes the appropriations which makes the taxes," he said.

Republican Candidates

R. B. HOWELL, Candidate for U. S. Senator.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 26.

Artesian 10:30 a. m.
Holdrege 1 p. m.
Indianola 3 p. m.
Cambridge 5 p. m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 27.

Clatsop 9 a. m.
Trenton 10:30 a. m.
Palladium 1:30 p. m.
Warrens 3:15 p. m.
Imperial 5 p. m.
Grant 8 p. m.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 28.

Madrid 9 a. m.
Wallace 11 a. m.
Hays Center 2:30 p. m.
Maywood 5 p. m.
Curtis 8 p. m.

Japanese Refuse to Withdraw From North Sakhalien

Negotiations With Siberia and Soviets Broken Off—Tokio Delegate Blames Russians for Failure.

Chang Chun, Manchuria, Sept. 25.—(By A. P.)—The conference between Japan, the Chita government of the far eastern republic of Siberia and representatives of the Moscow soviet government ended in failure today, with Japan's refusal to fix a date for the evacuation of northern Sakhalien.

The conference adjourned last week for both sides to await instructions from their respective governments on the Russian demand that Japan quit the northern half of the island of Sakhalien, which it is holding until indemnified for the massacre of 600 Japanese at Nikolaievsk in 1906.

Today Mr. Matsudaira, head of the Tokyo delegation, notified the Russians that his government had declined to fix a date for withdrawal from the debated territory. He declared that Japan firmly adhered to its policy of retaining that territory as a pledge for reparations for the Nikolaievsk massacre.

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Further, Mr. Matsudaira stated, it would be impossible for Japan to meet the Russian demand for a promise of the evacuation of Sakhalien as a preliminary to the negotiations of a trade agreement with the Russian soviet government.

Mr. Matsudaira then recommended that the conference adjourn, after placing responsibility for its failure on the Russian side.

This challenge was taken up by Adolphe Joffe, representative of the Moscow government, who declared: "The Russian people who number 150,000,000 and occupy one-sixth of the globe, cannot consent to be treated like barbarians. The whole world disapproves of Japan's occupation of Sakhalien. Even such an enemy of the soviet government as Secretary of State Hughes of the United States, at the Washington conference, denounced Japan's military expansion in Siberia."

Insincerity Charged.

Washington, Sept. 25.—(By A. P.)—Efforts to obtain from the Japanese political recognition of the soviet government of Russia, according to reports received here, marked every step of the negotiations at the Manchurian town of Chang Chun, only to arrive at a complete deadlock. Official reports from Japanese sources make it evident that the soviet representatives were willing to make almost any concession to their end. The Japanese reports state that the negotiations were characterized by an entire lack of sincerity on the part of Mr. Joffe, head of the Moscow delegation, and his colleagues.

From the beginning the Japanese consented to the admission of the Moscow delegates reluctantly, the negotiations, it is stated, having been intended to establish business relations only with the far eastern republic, though it was the conviction of the Japanese that the Chita government was dominated by Moscow.

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Kemalist Cavalry, Which Withdrew From Chanak Zone Sunday, Returns—Asks More Time.

British Ready for Crisis

Constantinople, Sept. 25.—(By A. P.)—The Ankara government officially announces that two Kemalist cavalry divisions, totalling 5,000 men, have occupied Eren Keui. It is persistently reported that the sultan's cabinet will resign tomorrow. The armistice conference will be held at Mudania on or about October 1.

London, Sept. 25.—The Reuter correspondent at Constantinople says that a force of Turkish cavalry which withdrew Sunday from the Chanak zone returned today, the number being estimated at 5,000 soldiers. A British mobile column has taken up a position half way towards Eren Keui, ready for eventualities.

Hamid Bey, the representative of the Ankara government at Constantinople, explains that inasmuch as Eren Keui was occupied before the joint note of the allies was received, the Turkish commander has asked for a longer delay than 48 hours in order to communicate with his superiors.

Oppose Peace Terms.

Constantinople, Sept. 25.—(By A. P.)—Hamid Bey, representative of the Ankara government in Constantinople, declared today the allied invitation to the peace conference could not be accepted by the Turkish nationalists on the terms laid down.

"We cannot accept the allied terms because they propose to demilitarize the Sea of Marmara and part of Thrace, which would prevent us from bringing our troops from Asia to Europe," said Hamid, in a statement to the correspondent. "Neither can we accept literally the condition that our army shall not advance while the peace conference is progressing."

"This would so circumscribe our movements that the enemy would have ample opportunity to prepare forces for a fresh attack and would give the allies a chance to complete their land and naval reinforcements in the event the conference failed."

Stand on Straits.

"Regarding the straits, we have already admitted freedom for the passage of all vessels through the Dardanelles, but we are not prepared to define in what authority or body the control shall be vested. That question must be settled at a conference between the Turks and the allies."

"We also insist that all nations having commercial, military or other interests in the Dardanelles, including Russia and Bulgaria, shall participate in the conference."

"We further insist that Great Britain shall suspend all naval and military movements in the straits during the course of the conference."

Turks Advance.

Constantinople, Sept. 25.—(By A. P.)—The British officials announce that a Turkish force of 1,100 cavalry which (Turn to Page Two, Column Three.)

Drastic Injunction on Shopmen in Effect

Chicago, Sept. 25.—The drastic temporary injunction order asked by Attorney General Harry M. Daugherty against shopkeepers strike leaders in the Department of Justice, Judge James H. Wilkinson without any of its effectiveness being modified.

Several slight changes in the wording of the order submitted Saturday were made by Judge Wilkinson to clarify its meaning.

Hearing Postponed.

Washington, Sept. 25.—Hearing was indefinitely postponed by the District of Columbia supreme court today on the government's motion for dismissal of the injunction proceedings brought by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers to prevent serving of notice of the restraining order issued in Chicago by Judge Wilkinson on local striking railroad shopmen. The postponement was by agreement of counsel.

Herrin Grand Jury Report Laid to Attorney General

Marion, Ill., Sept. 25.—(By A. P.)—A. W. Keer, chief counsel for the Illinois mine workers' union, issued a statement charging that the report of the special grand jury investigating the Herrin mine killings, which presented a partial report Saturday, "bears all the earmarks of having been drafted" by Attorney General Brundage of Illinois, in collaboration with the Illinois chamber of commerce.

Declaring that "the attorney general is openly financed by the Illinois chamber of commerce," an organization whose only record is that of an effort to destroy organized labor," the statement charged that Mr. Brundage had given instructions to the grand jury through the press instead of delivering the instructions secretly.

Irish Rebels Ambush Free State Police Head

Dublin, Sept. 25.—(By A. P.)—An attempt was made last night to kill Gen. O'Duffy, chief commander of the Irish civil police, it was announced today by the free state government.

Gen. O'Duffy, Gen. Hogan and two other officers were proceeding along New Road, when their automobile was ambushed. A heavy machine gun was fired, in which the rebels were driven off and no one was wounded.

Extra Dividend Declared

New York, Sept. 25.—The National Milk Company, Ltd., declared an extra dividend of 1 per cent in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 4 per cent.

The Weather

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