Bystander Is Shot in Fight Between Police and Suspect

Captured Man Confesses He Is Ex-Convict From Anamosa, Ia. — Woman Is Held for Questioning.

Miffed because she was scolded for coming home at 4 in the morning after an automobile ride with a woman friend, a Council Bluffs woman flirted on the street the next day with a strange man, little thinking the following would result:

George Hancock, Salvation Army home, an innocent bystander, shot in the shoulder.

James Diggle, 39, 1027 Twenty-eighth avenue, Council Bluffs, carpenter and her employer who chided her for the auto ride, haled into Central police court.

W. W. Crystall, 22, of Chicago, alias James J. Hively, sailor, with whom she flirted, revealed as an ex-convict from Anamosa penitentiary in Iowa and confessed prowler.

And she herself, Adah Poore, 37, mother of two sons, Howard, 7, and Jackie, 5, questioned by police who at first suspected her of being involved in recent burglaries.

Held After Shooting.

All of them were arrested Tuesday night following a shooting at Thirteenth and Dodge streets between Crystal and Detectives Haney and Anderson.

Hancock, an innocent bystander, fell wounded in the shoulder by a stray bullet. Yesterday he was walking about the Salvation Army home with the bullet still in his shoulder, joking with a score of fellow boarders there over his wound after having undergone machine gun cross fire for months in France with the Eleventh Infantry, without a scratch.

When grilled in the office of Chief of Detectives Van Deusen, Crystal, alias Hively, admitted his true identity, the chief alleges, and confessed to being wanted at Anamosa. He also confessed, the chief asserts, to having committed several burglaries in Council Bluffs.

Woman Tells Story.

In his alleged confession, however, he exonerated the Poore woman of any criminal knowledge or intent.

She told this story:

She has been working as housekeeper for Diggle for some time. One night she stayed out until 4 a. m., while riding with a woman friend. Diggle remonstrated with her. She became angered. Meeting Crystal on the street, she engaged in a flirtation with him, taking him to the Diggle home where he was duly installed as a roomer and boarder.

At the time, Diggle was splitting kindling in the back yard, but said nothing. Two weeks elapsed and Crystal had paid nothing for his board and room. When pressed for payment, he told her: "I have some women's wearing apparel over at Hotel Fontenelle. If you will go with me to get it and help me sell it, I'll pay you with the money I get."

Theft Is Admitted.

She went along. They got the clothing. She went with him to the Friedman pawnshop, 1222 Douglas street, where the detectives first sighted them and became suspicious.

Detective Haney took the woman and the clothing in a taxicab, while Anderson pursued Crystal, who had fled, on foot. Anderson joined in the chase in the taxicab when he heard shots and saw a crowd gather, fearing for his partner.

Crystal admitted the clothing he and the Poore woman were trying to sell, had been stolen, Van Deusen said.

The Poore woman's two little sons also were at police headquarters yesterday and won the officers by their gentlemanly actions and sweet faces.

"They're just about the two nicest little boys I ever saw," said Detective Haney. "It's a shame they have to be dragged into this affair."

Diggle, the Poore woman and the two children will probably be released, detectives declared.

"Flirtation for Spite" Brings Dire Reckoning

Mrs. Adah Poore, above, with her two little sons, Howard, 7, left, and Jackie, 5, right, little realized a mild flirtation with W. W. Crystal, shown below, left, would result in a spectacular gunfight and wild automobile chase in which George Hancock, below, right, an innocent bystander, suffered a wound in the shoulder from a stray bullet.

Mrs. Poore told police she formerly was a bareback rider with the Barnum & Bailey circus and her husband, Earle Poore, Gary, Ind., a former lion tamer.

Postal Inspector Here to Arrange Conference

J. W. Johnston, Washington post-office inspector and advance representative of Dr. Hubert Work, was in Omaha yesterday conferring with Postmaster Charles E. Black on arrangements for the Nebraska postal conference to be held in Omaha November 13.

"This will be a business conference," Johnston emphasized. "The postal establishment's business is to sell service and if there is anything business men can suggest to improve the service, we want to know it."

The postmaster general, his first assistant and their party will arrive in Omaha the morning of the 13th at 7, on the Missouri Pacific from Kansas City. Similar conferences there and at Denver and Topeka precede the local one. From here the party goes to Des Moines.

"No Official Authority" for Whispering Campaign

Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 1.—(Special.)—Charles W. Bryan, democratic candidate for governor, issued a statement this morning in which he denies that any "official authority of the democratic party" has raised religious or racial questions in the present campaigns.

His statement is in answer to a charge by Charles H. Randall, republican nominee for governor, that a "whispering campaign" was being made in behalf of the democratic nominee by men seeking to stir up religious and racial prejudices. Mr. Randall did not charge that this move had been made in the open, but specifically designated it a "whispering campaign." Mr. Bryan's denial simply covers the official and open spokesmen of his party.

Florida Hen Contests Egg-Laying Championship

Groveland, Fla., Nov. 1.—One Ancona hen owned by N. Pearson, a farmer residing near here, exceeded Lady Jewell's egg-laying feat reported from Tacoma, Wash., yesterday during 365 days ending in March, 1923, while another of the same breed equaled it, according to local poultry men. One hen's record was 339 eggs and the other 335.

The two hens were purchased by Pearson from H. Cecil Sheppard of Berea, O., who after learning of their egg producing capacity, came to Groveland last spring to authenticate the records and bought them for a price which exceeded all known figures for poultry in Florida.

Death Penalty Is Asked for Mrs. Hazel Champion

Cleveland, O., Nov. 1.—(By A. Fee Dunmore.)—Was concluded and summing up arguments by the state began yesterday in the first degree murder trial of Mrs. Hazel Champion, 22, charged with the slaying of Thomas A. O'Connell, carnival promoter, of New Haven, Conn., in a restaurant here last July.

In his opening statement to the jury Edward C. Stanton, county prosecutor, asked that the jury impose the death penalty on Mrs. Champion, declaring she was guilty of premeditated murder.

Randall's Pluck Wins in Battle With Miry Roads

Candidate Traverses 110 Miles of Mud to Reach Hastings Audience — Cheered by Hearers.

Hastings, Neb., Nov. 1.—(Special Telegram.)—What seemed a forlorn hope won yesterday with the determination of Charles H. Randall back of it.

A meeting was scheduled for Hastings last night. In Lincoln it was learned that the train could not get him there until 9:30.

At 2:30 Mr. Randall started for Hastings, 110 miles away, in a Ford with his nephew at the wheel. Arrangements were made for another car to come out from Hastings and meet Mr. Randall about half way between the two cities, at Fairmont. From Lincoln the little car labored terribly through the deep, stiff mud. It stalled on two hills and was started only by pushing. Two hours passed and Mr. Randall had arrived only 20 miles west of Lincoln. It seemed hopeless.

"We'll go on," he said. "It is something to have tried and failed and I have never disappointed an audience yet."

On labored the car. It was 4:30 and Hastings was still 82 miles away. And then the roads began to grow better. The car sped on, sometimes at a rapid pace. Dorchester, Friend and Exeter were passed with fair roads and Fairmont was reached at 6:25.

"Here we are," called a man standing by a touring car with a watch in his hand.

Crowd Waited.

Mr. Randall ran to the other car, his grip in his hand. In a trice they were speeding toward Hastings, 38 miles away.

E. E. Danly, secretary, and P. W. Yager, chairman of the republican central committee, were the men who met Senator Randall and took him on to Hastings.

The miles sped past, though the roads were again muddy and rutty. The lights of Hastings appeared and the car sped down along the paved and brightly lighted streets. It stopped at the courthouse. The hour was 8:38.

"The crowd's waiting," called a lookout, placed to watch for the party.

Senator Randall was ushered into the big courtroom, crowded to the doors. He was received with applause and cheers and these were redoubled when Senator F. G. Johnson told in a few words of the strenuous task which Senator Randall had set himself and accomplished in order not to disappoint an audience.

Mr. Randall's address was applauded frequently, particularly those portions of it in which he told how the present state administration has reduced taxes one-third for next year and declared state taxes will soon return to a prewar level.

Violators of Cigaret Law Taken by State Authorities

Des Moines, Ia., Nov. 1.—Violators of the cigaret revenue law are having no rest from the agents of the department, according to the past week's record of arrests and convictions compiled by State Treasurer W. J. Burbank, under whose supervision the provisions of the law are enforced.

Three arrests and one conviction were registered for the week among Des Moines dealers alone, besides several arrests in other parts of the state.

Queen Wilhelmina has been made an honorary member of the Huguenot-Waloon tercentenary commission.

Youth Victim of Buckshot Shower

Man Fires Upon Lad He Believed Bent on Hallowe'en Pranks, Police Say.

Age Anderson, 20, employed at the Lars Nielson dairy, Fifth and Locust streets, East Omaha, was the victim of a shower of buckshot believed to have come from a shotgun in the hands of John A. Nelson, East Omaha resident, at 9:30 Tuesday night.

Anderson and playmates were in the rear of the Nelson home. Nelson, fearing that they were about to perform Hallowe'en pranks on his property, hid in his barn with the shotgun, according to Council Bluffs police who arrested him, and fired the weapon at the youths.

Anderson was brought to the Swedish Mission hospital in Omaha, where his condition was reported critical yesterday morning. His body was covered with wounds from the fine shot. He was attended by Dr. C. C. Morrison.

Police found the shotgun Nelson is believed to have used in the basement of his home.

Wallace Pledges Aid for Higher Crop Price

East Lansing, Mich., Nov. 1.—Aid of the government in securing for the farmers a fair price for farm products was promised yesterday by Secretary of Agriculture Wallace in an address to students, alumni and officials of Michigan agricultural college here.

"Heretofore," Mr. Wallace declared, "the emphasis has been put on showing farmers how to produce more. That is right and proper. But we propose to put the same emphasis on helping farmers get fair prices for their crops by adjusting production to the probable demand and by better marketing methods."

Mother Betrayed by Son, 12, for $5

Boy Reveals Theft of Clothes Stolen by Poverty-Stricken Mother.

Minneapolis, Minn., Nov. 1.—A mother who stole to feed her four children and then to have one of them, a 12-year-old, betray her for a $5 reward, was still at liberty today while authorities investigated further her story of misery and poverty.

Penniless and stung by the pleas of her children for something to eat, the mother three weeks ago, robbed a neighbor's clothes line of silks, linens and apparel, valued at $100.

When police were unable to find the thief, Mrs. I. N. Nelson, the owner, offered a reward of $5 to any neighborhood child who could give a clue that would lead to the arrest of the culprit.

Sobbing, grimy-faced youngster yesterday succumbed to the lure of the $5 and informed Mrs. Nelson that his own mother had taken the garments.

Most of the stolen goods were recovered. Since the police are in doubt as to whether they shall arrest the poverty stricken mother it is a question whether the son who betrayed her will profit by his act, as the reward was offered for a clue leading up to the arrest of the thief and no arrest has been made.

Four Hurt as Result of Slippery Streets

Four persons were hurt in accidents attributed to slippery streets caused by rainy weather Tuesday night.

George J. Ross, 62, 2324 Lake street, and Joe Bath, a butcher, Rex hotel, received serious injuries when struck by an automobile driven by John Workman, 1802 1-2 North Seventeenth street. The two men, Omaha pioneers, were crossing the street at Seventeenth and California streets. Both received severe body bruises.

Iola Clark, 6, 1717 Burt street, was struck at Sixteenth and Cass streets by a machine driven by Jack Dowling, 2867 Capitol avenue. Her injuries were not serious.

Nicholas Sanchez, 2722 North Forty-eighth avenue, was found in a dazed condition at Forty-third and Hamilton streets. He did not know what hit him, he said. He suffered from painful body and face bruises.

Iowans Go to Florida.

Shenandoah, Ia., Nov. 1.—(Special.)—Iowa winters are not as popular as those of Tampa with a large colony of Shenandoah folks who are getting ready to leave for the Florida resort. Most of them are going for their seventh winter. In the party will be Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Bute, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Cox and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Spear.

Bryan "Political Bootlegger," Says State Labor Head

C. A. McDonald, President of State Federation of Labor, Attacks Wet-Dry Combination of Democrats.

Charging that Senator Hitchcock is campaigning for office at public expense and that he supported vicious laws tending to deflate the farmer and ridicule of William Jennings Bryan for coming from Florida to campaign for his brother Charley for governor featured the speech of C. A. McDonald, president of the Nebraska Federation of Labor at an open meetings in Labor temple, Tuesday night.

"A year ago Hitchcock and Bryan were so bitter against each other they wouldn't walk on the same street—now they are political bedfellows," McDonald declared.

He called Bryan a "political bootlegger" because he "peddles moonshine politics."

McDonald reported a tour he and Ben Ballard took through the state to defeat in referendum the anti-picketing, bank monopoly, registration and primary bills.

"Farmers are working with labor and political party lines are shot to pieces," according to the speech. He said farmers are "seeing red," because prices of corn and potatoes are so low.

McDonald also spoke in favor of the progressive party, two of whose candidates were present and spoke later. They were Rev. James L. Berbe, running for United States senator, and A. J. Donahoe, candidate for sheriff. A. H. Bigelow also spoke.

The meeting was under auspices of Carpenters Local No. 427. C. E. Woodard, O. F. W. Kurth and John C. Drumm were in charge.

United States Steel Pays Usual Dividend

New York, Nov. 1.—Directors of the United States Steel corporation, at their quarterly meeting yesterday, declared the regular dividends of 1 3-4 per cent on the preferred stock and 1 1-4 per cent on the common, but the corporation again failed to earn all the common, taking $1,339,682 out of the undivided surplus to make the payment.

Total earnings of $27,468,339, as compared with $27,286,954 in the preceding quarter, show that the steel industry is on the mend.

California Klansmen Have Internal Row

Sacramento, Cal., Nov. 1.—A row within the ranks of the Sacramento Ku Klux Klan broke out yesterday with Kleagle Edgar I. Fuller seeking the arrest of 175 alleged members on charges of grand larceny and Attorney Hugh Sydeham seeking Fuller's arrest on a charge of embezzlement.

The district attorney's office referred both applicants for warrants to the city attorney's office and the latter's office sent them back to the district attorney's office with the result that late today no warrants had been issued.

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