

ZERO HOUR FOR PURCHASE ADVANCE

Two Sides of Triangle Pay Penalty

Widow of Murdered Man and Her Lover Die on Gallows—Woman Collapses as Hour of Death Draws Near.

Proclaims His Innocence

London, Jan. 9.—(By A. P.)—Mrs. Edith Thompson and Frederick Bywaters were executed today for the murder of the woman's husband, Percy Thompson, on October 4, last.

Bywaters, who made an 11th hour attempt to save Mrs. Thompson by a "confession," met his death calmly, as far as reports indicated.

Mrs. Thompson had to be carried to the scaffold. She collapsed last evening and was in the care of physicians throughout the night.

Both the condemned met death with protest and innocence. Bywaters maintained Mrs. Thompson had had no part in the killing of her husband and insisted he had slain Thompson in self-defense.

The crowds gathered at both jails in the early hours of the morning, determined to get as close to the scenes of the hangings as the law would permit.

After last-minute efforts to relieve the prisoners had failed Mrs. Thompson and Bywaters were visited by their relatives, Mrs. Thompson, in the course of her last interview with her parents, brother and sister, said: "I am prepared. I have nothing on my soul."

She added that Bishop Steptoe, who "sited her" in the night, had asked whether she had anything to confess and that she replied: "Nothing. I am innocent."

Bywaters was allowed to spend an hour and a half with his mother. An organization calling itself the "League of Christian Intercessors" announced late in the night that it had made a last unsuccessful petition to the king to reprieve the condemned.

The executions of Bywaters and Mrs. Thompson brought to an end one of England's most sensational murder cases, and, incidentally, provided the first instance of capital punishment of a woman in England for 15 years.

Percy Thompson, a shipping clerk, was stabbed to death in a dark street near his home in Ilford, a London suburb, early in the morning of October 4, last, while returning from a theater with his wife. When found, the body was propped against a wall, and his beautiful young wife was kneeling near by in a hysterical condition.

Upon the strength of her story, to (Turn to Page Three, Column Two.)

Plea for One Big Union Rejected by Labor Board Chicago, Jan. 9.—(By A. P.)—The "One Big Union" idea among railroad men, as represented by the United Association of Railway Employees of North America, the successor to the so-called outlaw union which called the switchmen's strike in 1920, has no standing, so far as the United States railroad labor board is concerned, it was announced yesterday.

Re-Elect School Head. Beatrice, Neb., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—W. P. Norton was re-elected superintendent of schools here at a salary of \$4,000. He came here last year from Fairbury.

Ice Gorge in Platte River Inundates Hay Land Grand Island, Neb., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—An ice gorge in the Platte river has inundated many acres of hay land, scores of stacks of hay being several feet in water and completely damaged to that extent. The nine bridges territory near Doniphan is the center of the back water. The overflow is receding tonight.

General Is Badly Injured When Pinned Under Horse Oklahoma City, Okl., Jan. 9.—(Brig. Gen. B. H. Markham, commander of the 17th infantry, Oklahoma National Guard, was perhaps fatally injured when the horse he was riding in the inaugural parade of Gov. J. C. Walton fell on him here today.

John J. Stream Heads Chicago Board of Trade Chicago, Jan. 9.—John J. Stream today was elected president of the Chicago Board of Trade.

Pay \$2,126 Inheritance Tax. Geneva, Neb., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—The sum of \$2,126.31, inheritance tax, has just been paid by the heirs of the Dr. H. L. Smith estate. The amount is about equally divided between Fillmore and Lancaster counties.

Vet, 81, Weds Woman He Knew as a Baby

When John H. Butler, 81, and Mrs. Laura Garrett, 62, appeared yesterday before Deputy Stubbendorf to procure a marriage license, the prospective bridegroom said:

"Just make the ages 'over 21.'" Mr. Butler is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and a shriner, and has been resident of Omaha for 56 years. He was Omaha's first chief of police, first fire chief and first street commissioner, serving under Mayors Dennis and Moore.

At the wedding feast, following the ceremony performed by Judge Crawford, the bridegroom told the story of his romance.

"I knew Laura when she was a baby, 69 years ago," he said. "Her father, Dr. Solomon Gill, was my family's physician."

Mr. and Mrs. Butler will make their home at 4514 Fontenelle boulevard. Mr. Butler is the father of one son and three daughters.

Threatens Expose of Sale of Liquor to High Officials

Representative Uphaw Tells House He Will Report Any Member Caught Drinking to Federal Dry Agents.

Washington, Jan. 9.—Representative Uphaw, democrat, Georgia, today revived his crusade to put high government officials and members of congress on the waterwagon with threats to expose state members who drank liquor.

He served notice on the house that from now on he will turn over to the prohibition enforcement officers the names of such members of congress as he catches imbibing intoxicating liquor.

He promised to begin by turning in the name of a high official, not a diplomat, who he learned from abroad recently with more than one "hard liquor," marked "diplomatic."

"I have seen with my own eyes some of the highest officials in Washington, not members of either branch of congress, lifting the devilish bottle to their lips," said Mr. Uphaw.

He said he would stand up and declare an all-out war on the liquor traffic if there are other witnesses besides him. As for members of this house, God knows I find no pleasure in this disclosure, but the bright daughter of one of the best men in congress said to me, we are with you. I wish you could stop liquor selling and drinking in this house office building.

"And here is a signed letter that says, 'a professional bootlegger told me a year ago the house office building furnishes my best customers as long as those bluety-blanks keep buying, I am going to keep on selling. I have reported him several times, but they let him pay a fine and he goes right back to bootlegging.'"

Fans Drinking Officials. "I want to say, gentlemen, that any judge who will continue to imbibence such a consciousness vamp to suck the heart blood of any community is not fit to be judge of a coop of chickens. And the man, congressman or other high official, who sneakingly helps that scoundrel to damn the youth of any country is unworthy to hold any office beneath the flag."

"Why do I not furnish the names to this house today? This house of representatives is not a justice court—this congress not a police matinee. This is not the tribunal to act on these names and offenses. But I declare to you here and now that all the evidence that will be put into my hands from this day will be promptly turned over to federal and local officers."

He denounced Governor Smith of New York and declared he "could not roll into the White House on a keg of beer."

Let's Swap! To assist you in disposing of things you have for the articles which you want, The Omaha Bee "Want" advertisement carries a new classification—SWAP COLUMN—under the "Merchandise Department."

Under this caption you are allowed to insert a three-line "Want" Ad for three times which will bear a blind or keyed address.

If you are successful in closing a deal you will pay for your advertising in the regular way. If not, we will cancel charge. In other words—NO SWAP—NO PAY.

Call At-lantic 1000—or call at our office—and get your advertisement started in our SWAP COLUMN.

No Swap—No Pay!

Klan Crime Bared by Witness

Activities of Hooded Mobs in Morehouse Parish Described at Hearing Over Double Murder.

K. K. K. Leader Named Bastrop, La., Jan. 9.—(By A. P.)—Delving into the secrets of the Morehouse parish branch of the Ku Klux Klan in an effort to fix responsibility for the kidnaping and slaying of Wait Daniel and Thomas Richards, victims of black-hooded raiders, state attorneys today produced testimony to the effect that floggings and deportations had been carried out under the direction of the leader of the parish Klan and that the blackhoods were part of the regalia used by bands of Klansmen on secret night expeditions.

Capt. J. K. Skipwith, recognized leader of the Klan organization in Morehouse, was named by J. F. Norworthy, who described himself as a resigned Klansman, as the order giver of the parish organization.

"White hoods and robes were for ceremony—to be worn inside the lodge room and outside—but the black hood was for raiding parties," Norworthy declared. Norworthy's testimony reached a climax when he identified a black hood with low hanging apron under the chin, identified by A. V. Coco, attorney general, as the headgear worn by the Klansmen on raids.

Tells of Raids. The day's testimony carried the narrative for a time beyond the incidents of the actual kidnaping of the two men to expeditions on which Norworthy said he was sent to lash and drive several men from Louisiana.

Norworthy declared himself rated as a former "captain" in the Klan organization. Half a dozen witnesses testified today, men who were taken prisoner or were present at the time Daniel and Richards were kidnaped.

All agreed that the kidnaping was at the hands of a black-hooded mob, armed with rifles, pistols and shotguns. None, however, could identify members of the band.

Get More Testimony. The testimony of four witnesses today, with the exception of Norworthy, related to incidents in connection with the holding of the party of Morehouse citizens and the kidnaping of Daniel and Richards and three other men.

White, the last witness for the day, remembered only dimly incidents of the fateful August 24, last, when Daniel and Richards disappeared and Rouge citizens en route to their homes after attending a barbecue and baseball game here were kidnaped.

"Wasn't it a strange thing to see hooded men, well armed, take away your companions and you not to feel alarmed? White was asked.

"That had happened of the Klan taking out fellows and whipping them; then letting them go."

When you believed they were going to whip him and turn him loose and (Turn to Page Three, Column Two.)

Daughter Charged by House Body Washington, Jan. 9.—Attorney General Daugherty was given a clean bill of health today by the house judiciary committee which investigated the impeachment charges brought against him by representative Keller, republican, Minnesota.

The resolution also proposed that the judiciary committee be discharged from further consideration of the Keller charges and the proposed impeachment of the attorney general.

Harding Holds Law Must Be Changed on Debt Funding Washington, Jan. 9.—Preliminary negotiations with the British debt commission over the question of payment of the British war debt to the United States has convinced the administration, a White House spokesman declared today, that no settlement of the problem can be made under terms of the law as it now exists.

President Harding is convinced, it was declared, that the American commissioners in dealing with the situation must recommend a tentative plan for settlement without regard to the present law, and that these plans must be presented for the approval of congress.

Lenine's Condition Grave. London, Jan. 9.—Nikolai Lenine's condition continues to cause the gravest anxiety at Moscow, says a Riga dispatch to the Times. An important consultation of Russian and foreign psycho-neurologists has been arranged for this week. It is reported that the specialists include Drs. Foerster Volght, Klemperer and Baumke of Germany.

Miss California Charms with Sunny Ways

Pearle Tinsler, 25, practical, emissary of the Chamber of Commerce, for a breathing spell in Omaha on a route to the east from western home with a message from Governor Stevens of California to Governor Al Smith of New York.

At every opportunity she extols the country she is from and her contagious smile and sunny ways dispelled the chill of the winter weather Omaha has felt.

She carries a gown with her to be worn on occasions of state and receptions in eastern cities. It is designed to embody the colors symbolic of California.

When she arrived here at 7:05 yesterday morning, she wore a fast-colored Bolivia coat with squirrel oak leaf, low shoes to match and a chic golden turban trimmed with scarlet.

She departed at 7:30 on the Northwestern.

Former Auditor May Be Selected Tax Commissioner

W. H. Smith Assisting Bryan in Compiling Budget—Federal Court Adds to Governor's Troubles.

Lincoln, Jan. 9.—(Special.)—Appointment of W. H. Smith of Seward, former state auditor, as tax commissioner by Governor C. W. Bryan, is foreshadowed by the retention of Mr. Smith to assist in compiling the budget which Mr. Bryan will submit to the legislature.

Mr. Smith, while not a candidate, is understood to have a receptive mood for the job, and has been backed by a large number of prominent democrats. During the recent campaign, he was John H. Morehead's manager in the latter's successful campaign for congress in the First district.

If Mr. Smith is appointed, it is understood that he will also become state budget commissioner.

The Bryan administration inherited a fresh peck of trouble today, when it was learned that a suit had been brought in the federal court at Kansas City attacking fees are collected by this state. It is claimed that the inspection fee of 6 cents a barrel, is excessive. The court has entered a temporary order providing that excess fees in the sum of \$10,000 be kept in a separate fund and this will be added to more fees are collected.

It is understood that Governor Bryan is considering the question of changing the oil inspection law to provide that a tax of 10 cents be collected, replacing an inspection fee of 6 cents a barrel. It is provided, however, that the 10-cent tax shall go into the general fund for the purpose of covering the expense of inspection and for purposes of meeting other general state expenses.

Woman Perishes in Hotel Blaze

60 Guests in Minneapolis Hostel Groped Way to Safety Through Smoke.

Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 9.—Mrs. T. E. Lehman of Chicago was killed, a dozen persons were injured, several seriously, and more than 60 other guests groped their way to safety late last night when fire in pasty kitchen in the Lincoln hotel filled the hostelry with heavy smoke and made escape difficult.

The fire was confined to the pastry shop with nominal damage. The fire started in the kitchen and quickly spread to the dining room, where the clerk on duty had little time to arouse the guests. Many persons were carried down ladders by firemen, employes and police and many made their escape from the fifth floor to the arms of a man standing on the fourth floor balcony.

Mr. and Mrs. Lehman were on the fifth floor sleeping and apparently did not hear the cries of alarm. They were finally aroused and started to leave. The Lehmans became separated and were found later. Mrs. Lehman died at a hospital. Lehman was reported to be recovering at the hospital. Others injured and taken to hospitals included A. C. Tveit, Seattle, Wash., overcome by smoke.

Pawnee County Rural Mail Carriers Form Organization Pawnee City, Neb., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—A meeting of the rural mail carriers of Pawnee county was held here and a county organization formed which will be a unit in the state and national organizations of mail carriers.

Carroll Lands Job and Also Gus Hyers' Speedy Car Lincoln, Jan. 9.—(Special.)—Governor Bryan announced today the appointment of Tom Carroll, present federal prohibition officer, who will not be "state sheriff," but will be titled "chief deputy enforcement officer."

Carroll, Bryan announced, will receive the same salary of \$3,000 a year which Gus Hyers, retiring state sheriff, received; he will occupy the same downtown office rooms in which Hyers operated; he will use the same "high powered Cadillac automobile" used by Hyers, and like Hyers, will use as many gunshoe deputies in hunting down bootleggers as used by the former state sheriff, providing they are needed.

Some Angles of the Reparations Crisis



House Refuses to Judge Merits of Arbuckle Case

Omaha Member Insists Legislature Consider Only Local Affairs—Senate Voices Its Disapproval.

Lincoln, Jan. 9.—(Special.)—The lower house of the state legislature today refused to pass judgment on Roscoe (Fatty) Arbuckle, screen clown, and defeated a resolution commending Nebraska motion picture exhibitors for refusing to show Arbuckle films.

The resolution went down under a vote of 16 to 36.

The senate, on resolution by Barr, voiced its disapproval of the showing of Arbuckle films in Nebraska. The Barr resolution did not even produce a ripple in the upper branch and went through without a single dissenting vote and without discussion.

Robert Strohlow of Omaha led the fight against the resolution.

"If we begin," he said, "taking a hand in the affairs of Hollywood, we will spend half of our time here in debating resolutions on Chinese, Siberian and every other proposition which any uplift society desires to put in the hands of a friendly legislator."

Not Handling Universe. "Our business is making laws and not handling the affairs of Hollywood or some foreign country. This is a fair warning that our business does not extend beyond the boundaries of Nebraska."

Democrats attempted to make a party issue out of the resolution by declaring republicans were backing up the decision of Will Hays, "czar of the movies," a former member of President Harding's cabinet.

However, as many republicans voted for the resolution as against it.

The resolution was introduced by C. F. Beushausen of Loup City yesterday, and under the rules, one legislative day had to pass before any action could be taken upon it.

Vote on Resolution. Following is the vote on the resolution: Against resolution: Republicans—Ames, Allan, Bailey, Boone, Bouslog, Brundage, Coker, Colman, Denamora, Donnelly, Dyball, Dyar, Egger, Egan, Gallagher, Gould, Hansen, Huff, Hughes, Keifer, Kendall, McCain, Miner, North, Smiley, Smith, Staats, Sibbal, Strohlow, Ward, Wilson. Democrats—Axtell, Ball, Beck, Broome, Brown, C. B. Collins, G. S. Collins, Davis (Central), Bryan, Dunshee, Glascock, Gordon, Hoffmann, Johnson, Kautsky, Keck, O'Hara, O'Malley, Quinn, Regan, Reuter, Schermer, Yochum. Progressives—Axtell, Raasch. Total—36.

Geneva Community Club Discusses Home Health Geneva, Neb., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—At the Community club dinner, county health and home interests were discussed. Miss Amy MacOwain, Red Cross nurse for the county, and Miss Edna Pegler, home demonstration agent, were the speakers.

Aged Woman Injured. Pawnee City, Neb., Jan. 9.—(Special.)—Mrs. George Shellenberg, 87, pioneer of this city, was seriously injured while carrying wood into the house. She slipped and fell with her arms loaded with wood and sustained a broken hip.

Oklahoma Bank Held Up. Hinton, Okl., Jan. 9.—Three bandits held up the First National bank of Hinton today, locked three persons in the bank vault and escaped in a motor car with approximately \$10,000 in currency and bonds.

French May Be on Move at Daybreak

Troops All Set to Start Occupation of Coal Fields—Sunrise Expected to See Involving Planes Over Essen.

Allied Nations Notified BULLETIN. Duesseldorf, Jan. 9.—(By A. P.)—All passenger automobiles and heavy delivery trucks have been requisitioned by the French government on orders issued by General Simons. The requisitioning is in voluntary default in respect and select the best of the automobiles for use by the French.

Those refusing to hand over their cars will be tried by the French military court.

Paris, Jan. 9.—(By A. P.)—France is ready tonight to seize the Ruhr at daybreak. There are many reasons to believe that tomorrow's sun will disclose French airplanes hovering over Essen, while a long string of tanks comes in from the Krupp's home in advance of foot soldiers.

The zero hour has been fixed, but until the occupation army marches, the time, place, manner and exact objectives are held by the government as a military and political secret.

France late today notified England through the British ambassador at London, and the American ambassadors at Paris and Brussels were informed by the French and Belgian governments, respectively what France plans to do. The French tonight are also armed with the reparations commission's declaration that Germany is in voluntary default in coal deliveries; so there is no apparent cause for further delay.

Holds Final Conference. M. Maginot, the war minister, has had a final conference with Premier Poincare, assuring him that the army is ready; the technical men, even emergency crews of railroads and telegraphers, in case of strikes in the Ruhr, are awaiting orders in Duesseldorf and their military escort is impatient to be off.

General De Goutte with his staff left Mayence for Duesseldorf just ahead of the last train load of Mayence troops and all will be in Duesseldorf late tonight.

As a result, however, is no proof that the French have set their advance for Wednesday morning; there may be a delay until Thursday, so that Premier Poincare can give parliament the news while it is still fresh, and there are some who think that the premier may wait until he has informed the chamber of his plans so that parliament may be of confidence, be responsible for the order to Foch's men—"take Essen."

Anticipate No Protest. Whatever date is fixed, there is no longer any vague uneasiness that the United States or Great Britain may stop the advance by a protest, for the French government and people alike (Turn to Page Three, Column One.)

What Shoes Will Cost Announced by Shoe Men Chicago, Jan. 9.—Shoe prices ranging from \$8 to \$15 for low shoes and from \$9 to \$15 for high shoes, with extreme styles, much more costly, emanated from the National Shoe Retailers' association today in annual convention here.

An increasing popularity of galoshes for women and adoption of them by men for winter wear was predicted. Women's galoshes, it was said, will be made in lighter weights and more attractive.

For Spring, J. C. Boyd, a St. Louis manufacturer, said women's styles for street wear will include: Fawn suede, trimmed with light tan and medium dark calf; medium dark suede, trimmed with black calf and patent leather; white buck, trimmed with black calf patent leather and white calf. Low heels will be worn. For pre-Easter evening wear women's popular styles will be French brocade in favor colors and silver, gold, white brocades and satins.

Dr. Henry Van Dyke Quits Princeton Faculty Princeton, N. J., Jan. 9.—Dr. Henry Van Dyke, noted author, former American ambassador to the Netherlands, and Professor of English at Princeton university since 1893, has tendered his resignation from the faculty in a letter to President John C. Rorer.

Dr. Van Dyke declared he wished to make way for a younger man. He recently celebrated his 70th birthday.

Former Baseball Umpire Sent to Federal Prison Muskogee, Okl., Jan. 9.—(By A. P.)—Pontius of Tulsa, former umpire in the Western Baseball association and federal district judge, pleaded guilty in federal court here today to a charge of selling stolen automobiles, and was sentenced to two and a half years in the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan.

The Weather Forecast. Wednesday, fair and warmer. Hourly Temperatures. 3 a. m. 36, 4 a. m. 36, 5 a. m. 36, 6 a. m. 36, 7 a. m. 36, 8 a. m. 36, 9 a. m. 36, 10 a. m. 36, 11 a. m. 36, 12 noon 36.