

SLAYER OF SIEFKINS CONFESSES

Showdown Is Reached on Capitol

Either Architect Goodhue or Secretary Johnson Must Leave, Report From Secret Meeting.

Report Expected Today

Lincoln, March 8.—(Special)—Either Architect Goodhue, designer of the \$3,000,000 Nebraska capitol building, will be asked to resign, or George E. Johnson, secretary of the capitol building commission, will quit his post. This information was received from reliable sources when the commission adjourned a meeting at 9 tonight that started at 11 this morning. Newspaper men were barred from the meeting.

The commission heard charges preferred against Goodhue by Johnson, who together with Professor Mickey of the state university, have been conducting an investigation of conditions connected with the construction of the building for several weeks.

Governor Bryan announced at the close of the meeting that he will probably issue a statement tomorrow. He said that Architect Goodhue will go to Omaha tonight and return to Lincoln tomorrow.

Attorney General Spillman today informed Secretary Johnson, in response to an inquiry several days ago, that in his opinion the charges filed against Architect Goodhue, if proven, are sufficient to abrogate his contract.

Meals Sent In.
The commission did not take time to go out either to lunch or dinner. Messengers were sent to a restaurant and carried meals to the members and witnesses.

An attempt made this morning to admit newspaper men to the investigation in order to give the public a full report of the proceedings met with a rebuff similar to one handed out by the governor several days ago when the request was made.

"I will give out a report of the meeting," he said. The governor is chairman of the commission.

Reports were current that Governor Bryan displayed some hostility toward Johnson, the man who discovered the alleged misconduct of the architect, and that Walter Head of Omaha, one of the members of the commission, insisted that Johnson be given a square deal despite any political animosity the governor might have against a "holdover" appointee.

Answer Is Filed.
The architect has filed an answer to the Johnson charges which undoubtedly will be for publication, but as we have no carbon copies, its release must be delayed," Bryan said.

"Didn't Johnson file another statement of more recent developments in the case at the same time the architect filed his this morning?" the governor was asked.

"Yes," he replied.
"Will you give out Johnson's statement, too?"

"I can't say until I read it over," the governor replied.

The first persons called into the closed room were Architect Goodhue, his office manager, O. H. Murray, and a designer, all of New York. They remained in the room throughout the day.

The next person called was a reporter. (Turn to Page Two, Column Three.)

Bryan to Submit Bill on Bank Tax Situation

Lincoln, March 8.—(Special)—A bill to correct the bank tax situation in Nebraska will be submitted to the legislature by Governor Bryan, he has informed the special senate revenue subcommittee. The committee and Attorney General Spillman will draft the measure in order to validate assessments already made on banks stock of both national and state banks, but held up under rulings of the federal and state supreme courts. Mr. Spillman may also ask a rehearing of the state bank case, in an effort to effect a saving of approximately three quarters of a million in bank taxes to the state and subdivisions.

Congress has given states the power to tax national banks the same as state banks. As the courts have reduced taxes already levied on the intangible rate, congress included a proviso allowing the validation of such taxes.

One of the bank bills in the senate will be amended to cover the situation in the future.

Two Sentenced to Death for Murder of Sheriff

El Paso, Tex., March 8.—W. G. LeFavars and C. S. Snelcer, both of Amarillo, Tex., were sentenced to be hanged, following a verdict of guilty returned by a jury at Alamogordo, N. M., before which they were tried for the murder of Sheriff W. L. Rutherford of Otero county, New Mexico, according to a dispatch received here.

The verdict came only after a few minutes' deliberation. The case had been on trial two days.

After the sheriff was shot to death on February 14, the men fled in a small automobile, which they abandoned between El Paso and Alamogordo. Army airplanes, cowboys, peace officers and bloodhounds hunted them in the desert, where they were found the day after the killing.

President and Mrs. Harding Photographed on Houseboat



A new photo of President and Mrs. Harding. It is one of the first photos of Mrs. Harding since her illness. A much needed rest is being taken by the president and Mrs. Harding on the boathouse Pioneer, which Edward McLean of Washington has chartered for a trip on the Indian and Halifax rivers and through the east coast inland waterway to Miami, Fla., where the party is scheduled to arrive on about March 15. Mrs. Harding is convalescing after a recent illness. Following this trip the president is expected to visit Alaska and utilize his trip across the country in making speeches favoring America's entry into a world court.

Bonus Bill Is Advanced by Lower House

Nebraska to Pay Ex-Servicemen \$10,000,000 Under Measure Sent to Third Reading.

Lincoln, March 8.—(Special)—Nebraska's \$10,000,000 bonus bill was advanced to third reading in the lower house today.

The bill provides that the proposition of raising \$5,000,000 annually for two years be submitted to the people as a constitutional amendment at the general election in November, 1924. The bill does not specify the amount per day in service to be paid former soldiers.

Sponsors of the bill estimate that \$10,000,000 will allow Nebraska service men 50 cents a day for each day in service. They say the machinery for payment, and the amount, can be provided later, after the proposition is submitted to a referendum, provided it passes.

Only two members spoke against the bill. H. Malcolm Baldrige of Omaha and Cecil C. Stromberg. Those voting against the bill were Hyde, Baldrige and Wilson of Lancaster. Keck and Davis of Fillmore voted against it at first and later requested that they be recorded as "passing and not voting."

After asked to pass when his name was called, and after the vote was announced, requested that he be recorded as voting in the affirmative.

Dennis, an American Legion man, requested that he be recorded as "passing and not voting."

"I don't like to be placed in the light of voting for something that will be of monetary benefit to me," Dennis said.

You Can Make It Pay, Also

Mrs. Flora Reinhardt, 3226 Maple, had four unfurnished rooms vacant. Among the scores of people in Omaha who rent rooms, she knew there was just one for her rooms.

To reach this person the inserted a "Room for Rent" advertisement in The Omaha Bee. After it had appeared only two and one-half days she called up and said:

"Please cancel my 'Want' Ad. Secured a satisfactory tenant through The Omaha Bee. Thanks."

"She made it pay! So can you. Telephone Atlantic 1000 and ask for a 'Want' Ad Taker.

Omaha Bee "Want" Ads Bring Better Results at Lesser Cost.

Receivers Named for 20 Firms

Steps Taken in Federal Court to Prevent Financial Crash of Entire Interests of Leonard R. Steel Corporations.

Stockholders in Row

Buffalo, March 8.—(AP)—Twenty corporations comprising the Leonard R. Steel company enterprises, into which the public has poured more than \$20,000,000 in the last three years, were placed in the hands of receivers today by Federal Judge John R. Hazel. Ancillary receivers will be named for every store and branch of steel corporations in this and other states.

The receivership officials of the company said, in a friendly one and designed to avert a crash of the entire financial structure, by the hostile attitude of certain stockholders and creditors, which it was declared, had become apparent during the last 24 hours.

Many Companies Named.

The principal companies named in the receivership proceedings are the L. R. Steel Co., Inc.; the parent organization, L. R. Steel Co., Ltd., operating chain stores in Canada; the Federal Stores company of Youngstown, O.; and P. E. Nelson, Stores company of Massachusetts, in which steel companies had a 75 per cent interest; the Mary Lincoln Candy company, stores, factory and insurance; the Steel Department Stores, holding corporation of Delaware, and the Steel Departments, Inc., with branches in many states, including Colorado, Utah, Minnesota, Washington and Idaho.

In addition to department stores, the corporation owned or controlled restaurants and cafeterias. A statement issued last October indicated ownership of about 90 stores, 10 of which have since been sold or discontinued.

Auditors At Work.

A report that the receivership would be immediately followed by an inquiry into the manner in which the stockholders' money was disbursed, found no confirmation either at the district attorney's office, nor from the receivers. District Attorney Guy B. Moore said he had not been asked to take a hand in the proceedings.

No statement of present assets and liabilities is available, auditors at work on the finances. The various corporations not having completed their work. The petition submitted to the federal court placed the assets of the 20 corporations at about \$12,000,000. Leonard R. Steel, who has been living at his country home near here since his retirement, refused to comment on the receivership.

Railroad Earnings Doubled in January

Washington, March 8.—Railroad earnings during January were more than twice those in January, 1922, according to tabulation of Interstate Commerce commission reports made public by the Association of Railway Executives. They are reported to be \$60,454,690, against \$29,468,000 last year and represented the association's statement said, an income of 5.54 per cent annually on the value of property investment in transportation service.

The returns include practically all the class carriers owning 90 per cent of the country's rail mileage. The earnings resulted from a record-breaking increase of business given the roads during the month.

In addition to operating expenses, taxes, rentals and other charges not shown in the executives' expenses are subtracted from the total revenues before the net income is estimated.

Plan to Work Negroes in Ruhr Abandoned

New York, March 8.—(AP)—Harry V. Dougherty, member of a detective agency which specializes in furnishing labor to industrial concerns, has given up his hope of helping France exploit the coal mines of the Ruhr through the medium of American negroes.

Dougherty announced upon his arrival on the steamship Majestic yesterday that he would transport from 2,500 to 5,000 negro miners to the Ruhr. Today he said he had dropped the plan because he had learned since his arrival that instead of thousands of negroes eager for the job, he couldn't find 100 who were willing to accept them.

San Francisco Life Savers Capture Cargo of Liquor

San Francisco, March 8.—The crew of the Fox Point life-saving station, located at the Golden Gate, entrance to San Francisco bay, after a running pistol fight with the tug Peerless, an alleged rum runner, captured the crew of three men and seized the cargo of liquor. The cargo is said to have been made up of liquors in cases.

Condemn Wisconsin Faculty

Madison, Wis., March 8.—(AP)—The 459 University of Wisconsin faculty members who during the war signed a round robin denouncing the attitude of Senator Robert M. La Follette toward Germany today, as the assembly legislature today, as the assembly voted, 87 to 11, to concur in the Hober resolution adopted by the senate yesterday, 47 to 12.

Woman's Bail Reduced

New York, March 8.—District Attorney Glennon consented to reduction from \$25,000 to \$5,000 of the bail of Mrs. Anna Buzzi, who has been held for 19 days as a material witness in the murder of Frederick Schneider, Bronx contractor.

Uncle Sam's Burden



Boys Fail to Return Borrowed Horses

Two Would Be "Cowboys" Lost Somewhere Between Lincoln and Omaha.

Two "cowboys" were lost yesterday "somewhere between Lincoln and Omaha." They are Robert Netzel, 16, 2215 Maple street, and Joseph Lewis, 15, 4111 Charles street, who borrowed horses a week ago from James Pepper, 2215 West street, and "took off" unexpectedly for the great, wide, open west.

Started for Home.

After being captured in Lincoln, they were fed, clothed, given money, put astride their mounts, which they had abandoned in Havelock, and started back to Omaha Monday morning to report to juvenile court authorities.

One More Chance.

"One more chance," Miss Johnson pleaded for the boys.
"All right," Pepper said, "but tomorrow I'll have a sheriff looking for two 'boss thieves' with \$400 worth of good horseflesh beneath them. I want to trust these boys, want to give them a chance to prove it was just a playful prank, but four days is an awfully awfully long time to travel less than 58 miles on a horse."

Receiver Is Appointed for Cincinnati Concern

Cincinnati, March 8.—Application for a receivership and dissolution of the Beazell and Chatfield investment securities concern of Cincinnati was asked in common pleas court here today.

The members of the firm are George H. Beazell and W. H. Chatfield, Jr., who was a former state senator and candidate for lieutenant governor at the last election.

Henry S. Irving of the brokerage firm of Weil, Roth and Irving, was appointed receiver by the court. The petition was filed by George Beazell, senior partner of the firm, against W. H. Chatfield, Jr., his partner. Irving's bond was fixed at \$50,000 by the court.

Government Commissioner Frozen to Death in Alaska

Nome, Alaska, March 8.—(AP)—W. O. Marx, United States commissioner at Teller, was frozen to death on an untraced trail between Teller and Shishmaref February 27, according to advices from Teller. A companion named Reed, who became separated from Marx in a blinding snowstorm, finally reached Teller safely and organized a searching party. The body was found 25 miles from Teller.

Irish Rebel Chief Caught.

Belfast, March 8.—(AP)—Con Maloney, republican deputy chief of staff, has been captured in Glen Aherlow. Maloney was the successor of Liam Deasy, whose peace proposals, made while he was a prisoner of the national army, were rejected by the republican leaders last month.

Ice Fields Moving

Washington, March 8.—(AP)—Gradual movement of large ice fields towards the North Atlantic steamship lanes is reported in dispatches received by the government ice patrol. The situation has not yet reached the stage, however, where officials consider it warrants more than the routine warnings.

John Bull Protests

Drive on Rhine: Rail Depot Seized

French Authorities Object to British Occupation of Territories Between Bridgeheads on Legal Grounds.

London, March 8.—(AP)—It has been reported that the British government has formally protested, on legal grounds against the French occupation of territories between the Rhine bridgeheads. It is learned authoritatively, however, that no formal protest has been made, but only verbal representations through diplomatic channels, pointing out the difficulties created for the British authorities in the Rhineland.

A letter from the Cologne Chamber of Commerce to Colonel Josiah Webwood, member of the house of commons, suggests to the British government "certain concessions" which might be obtained from the French and Belgian governments for the purpose of facilitating British trade and preventing grave losses to British manufacturers and merchants.

Union Men Defy French.

Bellevue, March 8.—According to the Berlin newspapers, all the German trade unions in the Ruhr have refused the demand of the occupation authorities to hand over to them a list of trade union memberships.

The newspaper Germania reports that the French have occupied the station of Hamun, an important junction of the main railroad line between Essen and Berlin.

Arrest Denied.

An official dispatch received from Munich denies that Count Bothmer, former president of the Bavarian royalist party, was arrested in Munich Wednesday when 15 other persons were taken into custody in connection with an alleged plan to carry out a coup d'etat.

The dispatch says it is also untrue that the conspirators were endeavoring to separate Bavaria from the Reich with the support of hostile powers.

"It is true," the dispatch continues, "they had contact with nationals of such a power, apparently regarding the neutralization of Bavaria certain in the event of northern Germany turning bolshevist."

The message concludes by asserting that no important person of organization was behind the proposed "putsch."

Naval Commander Killed in 80-Foot Fall on Vessel

Port Au Prince, Haiti, March 8.—(AP)—Lieutenant Commander John A. Fletcher, executive officer of the United States fuel ship Orion, died today as the result of an 80-foot fall through an open hatchway of the collier.

To Run for Mayor of Detroit.

Detroit, Mich., March 8.—Frank E. Doremus, former democratic congressman from the First Michigan district and James W. Inches, former police commissioner, will be candidates for mayor of Detroit at the April election, when a successor to James Couzens, now United States senator, is chosen. They were the successful candidates in yesterday's nonpartisan primary.

A proposal to increase the salary of the mayor from \$8,000 to \$12,000 a year was lost. The voters approved an additional \$5,000,000 bond issue for municipal street railways extension.

Well-Known Newspaper Man Dies at Age of 71 Years

Boston, March 8.—William R. Babchuk, a newspaper man of wide experience in Europe and the United States, died here today. Among his exploits was an exclusive account in the London Daily Mail of the impending death of Queen Victoria, developed out of a notebookman's remark to her dressmaker in colors that black would be the fashion in colors that winter.

He was connected with the London bureau of The Associated Press for several years. He was managing editor of the Philadelphia Press in 1879 and in recent years had been connected with the Boston Transcript.

Cleveland Police Get Murderer

Dewey Mallory, Oil Station Bandit, Admits Responsibility for Double Tragedy—Was in Jail Here.

Will Be Returned at Once

Dewey Mallory has confessed to the Cleveland police that he is the man who shot and fatally wounded Charles Siefkin, 42, and his son, Robert, 16, on the night of May 29, 1922, while attempting to rob the younger Siefkin in the Nicholas oil station at Thirty-eighth and Farnam streets, according to word received here yesterday. Detectives Van Deuzen and others.

The man was arrested in Cleveland and while in jail there he confessed to police that he was the lone bandit who was responsible for the double tragedy at the oil station here. Detective William Gunnert will leave Omaha today to bring Mallory back here for trial.

Mallory is well known to police here and has been arrested several times on minor charges and was once sentenced to the state prison on a charge of robbery. He is now under indictment on a charge of carrying concealed weapons.

Was in Jail Here.

Police discovered yesterday that two weeks after the murder Mallory was arrested in the Missouri Pacific Railroad company yards carrying a revolver. He was held in the city jail for investigation for several days, but was never connected in any way with the murder. At that time the man went under the name of William A. Rich and under this name, he was held to the grand jury under a \$2,500 bond. The bond was posted, but the man never came to trial. Whether he had failed to appear in court on the date set and had forfeited his bond or whether the case has not been called as yet could not be determined last night, but the officers who made the arrest believe that the bond has been forfeited.

The murder to which Mallory is said to have confessed was committed last May and was one of the most sensational murders in the history of Omaha. Young Siefkin was employed as attendant at the oil station and, before his death, five days after he was wounded, confessed to hospital attendants that he had been afraid of being held up for more than a week previous to the night of the murder.

Told of Fears.

Robert had told his parents of his fears and his father had offered to come to his aid if he was ever needed. On the night of May 29, Saturday, Robert called his home and told his father that the man who had arrested his suspicions was again loitering about the filling station.

Mr. Siefkin, with his wife and daughter, Gertrude, 13, got into his automobile and drove to the station. That was a few minutes after 9, and when they arrived at the station, the man who had been called to the station was sitting across the street. Mr. Siefkin started to drive around the block to pass the time until the station should either close or the man should go away.

Just as they reached a point directly east of the station, Mallory got up from his seat, stepped behind some bushes and began to adjust his mask; then he ran toward the station.

Father Was Armed.

Mr. Siefkin had armed himself before leaving home and he drew his pistol, a German automatic, from his pocket as he leaped from his car and started toward the station behind the bandit. He pressed his weapon against the side of the bandit, who had "covered Robert," as he entered the station.

House and Motor Cars Wrecked by Water Spout

Havana, Cuba, March 8.—A water spout rising out of the ocean to a height of 10 meters suddenly annihilated a German automobile, from the entrance to Havana harbor, shortly after noon today and moved to the entrance of the harbor, where it subsided.

A big tree near La Punta castle, across the harbor mouth from Morro castle, which had resisted storms of a century or more, was torn up by the spout and one wall of a house near the presidential palace was crushed. Several automobiles were wrecked.

The Weather

Forecast: Friday fair and warmer.

Hourly Temperatures table with columns for time and temperature.

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