

Former Ak Queen Leaves Convent; Ill Health Cause

Helen Murphy, Who Reign'd in 1919 Pageantry, Hopes to Recuperate in Omaha.

Mrs. Helen Murphy, former queen of Ak-Sar-Ben, who entered Sacred Heart convent at Kenwood, Albany, N. Y., has been released from the cloister to return to her home in Omaha because of ill health.

She was ill with influenza at Kenwood a year ago, and was sent to Lake Forest convent in Chicago to convalesce. Failure to regain her strength prevented her from taking the final vows that would have made it impossible for her to leave the cloister until death.

Mrs. Helen, one of the most prominent members of the younger set in Omaha, was crowned queen of Ak-Sar-Ben in the fall of 1919 with all the pomp and glittering ceremony that the city could summon. But only a few months after this worldly triumph and while still reigning queen, she announced her intention to enter Sacred Heart convent which does not permit its members to leave the grounds.

A week ago, Mrs. Helen was released from Lake Forest and met her mother at Chicago where they will spend two weeks before returning to Omaha.

Mrs. Helen expects to regain her health in Omaha and return to Kenwood to be professed, according to her sister, Miss Nan Murphy.

Cure for "Alcoholic" Hog Perplexes Farm Experts

Manhattan, Kan., June 8.—The "alcoholic" hog, with a taste for "hooch" and its digestion ruined by corn liquor mash, has presented a problem that is perplexing experts from the Kansas State Agricultural college here, who are touring the wheat belt of Kansas on a special demonstration train. Dr. C. W. McCampbell, one of the animal husbandry experts of the college, said today the institution has no experimental data indicating a practical method of getting a hog over the effects of modern "hooch."

The question was asked by a woman in southwestern Kansas, who explained to the demonstration experts that she recently had purchased such a hog from a man who ran a still.

Russia Accepts Jap Offer for Meet on Trade Pact

Tokyo, June 8.—Commissar Joffe, soviet Russian envoy, late today announced acceptance of Japan's offer of a conference upon a trade agreement and the question of recognition of the soviet government. He requested that the conference be held in Tokyo. Joffe said he was expecting full power to negotiate to be received from Moscow at any minute, following which he would be in readiness to open negotiations.

Novice Withdraws From Cloistered Life



Helen Murphy

Kansas Without Board of Health as Result of Row

Topeka, Kas., June 8.—For the first time in 20 years, Kansas is without a state board of health. Today, the board offices are closed by order of the state executive council and will remain closed, according to members of the council, until it is definitely decided, possibly by the supreme court, who is the health board secretary.

This action came late yesterday, as a climax to a controversy between the old republican health board and the newly appointed democratic board, as to whom should have possession of the office, and followed the taking possession of the board rooms by members of the new board, appointed by Governor Davis, democrat, and efforts to obtain possession of the books and records of the board, which were locked in a vault.

Hogs Reach Lowest Level Since 1915 on K. C. Market

Kansas City, Mo., June 8.—Hog prices dropped to the lowest levels since 1915 at the local market today. The decrease was attributed to heavy receipts and a liberal hangover. Traders paid 10 to 15 cents lower than yesterday's prices, offering up to \$6.60. Packers were bidding 15 to 20 cents lower, their top being \$6.55. The receipts today were 5,000 head.

Teacher Throws Dog From Window to Maintain Order

Davenport, Ia., June 8.—The Davenport school board today voted to discharge Ray McClellan, high school teacher, who threw a small dog out of a third story window. McClellan said he did it "to preserve discipline among unruly boys who had brought the dog into the class room."

Sugar Jumps as Refiners Stocking Up

Figures Prove Advanced Prices Artificially Promoted and Economically Unjustified.

International News Service. Washington, June 8.—Sugar's rapid jump in price which in a few months had cost the American people millions of dollars, was economically unjustified and artificially promoted, according to the interpretation of figures contained in the "survey of current business" compiled by the Department of Commerce and bureau of census, made public today.

During the month of March, when sugar climbed 1.310 a pound, refiners apparently were stocking up, stocks on hand having increased over 150,000 long tons that month. The survey disclosed that refiners had stocks of 124,164 long tons February 28 and 284,800 long tons March 31, compared to 273,811 long tons March 31, 1922.

Remained Low in 1922

The official figure shows the wholesale price of refined sugar on the New York market to have been \$9.073 February 28, and \$9.086 March 31, compared to \$9.052 March 31, 1922. Prices remained low in 1922, although in no month did the stocks of refined sugar in refiners' hands exceed the March 31 reserve of this year. In July, 1922, refined stocks were given at 95,719 long tons. The maximum supply was reached in September with 226,668 long tons, the reserve having fallen by December 31 to 177,470 long tons.

Cuba Exports Heavily

Further official reports will disclose the condition of sugar stocks in the United States and Cuba for April and May and these figures will be of value to the government in determining just what is being done to the market by manipulators.

With the price rising Cuba exported heavily during March. For February the exports were given as 474,765 long tons and in March, 647,690 long tons. The last figure exceeded the 512,251 long tons export of March, 1922, when the price was low.

Exports of American sugar likewise increased in March to 31,632 long tons, from the 29,435 figure of April. Both figures were far below March, 1922, when 108,458 long tons were shipped abroad.

Light Rains Reported

Light rains fell in parts of the state Thursday night, the weather bureau receiving reports of .27 of an inch at Broken Bow, .40 at Gilbertson, .09 at Holdrege, .18 at North Loup and .38 at North Platte.

A Queer World

German Husband Mails Invitations to Friends "to Come and Listen to Failings of My Wife" at Divorce Trial.

Court Room Packed. Berlin, June 8.—The German press and public usually show little interest in divorce trials, and a Berlin judge therefore was rather surprised to find his court room packed with visitors. Counsel for the defendant

wife requested exclusion of the spectators, whereupon it was revealed that her spouse, the plaintiff, had issued 100 mail invitations, printed on gold-bordered cards, and sent to his neighbors and friends. The cards read:

"I have the honor to invite you to attend my divorce before the civil court and to listen in on the failings of my wife."

Immediately the judge cleared the court room and five minutes later sent the marital litigants on their respective ways, divorced.

Not Laughing Now

Los Angeles, Cal., June 8.—James Douglass laughed when a handit held him up and obtained only \$4. The laugh and the small sum angered the holdup man, who struck Douglass on the jaw and broke it.

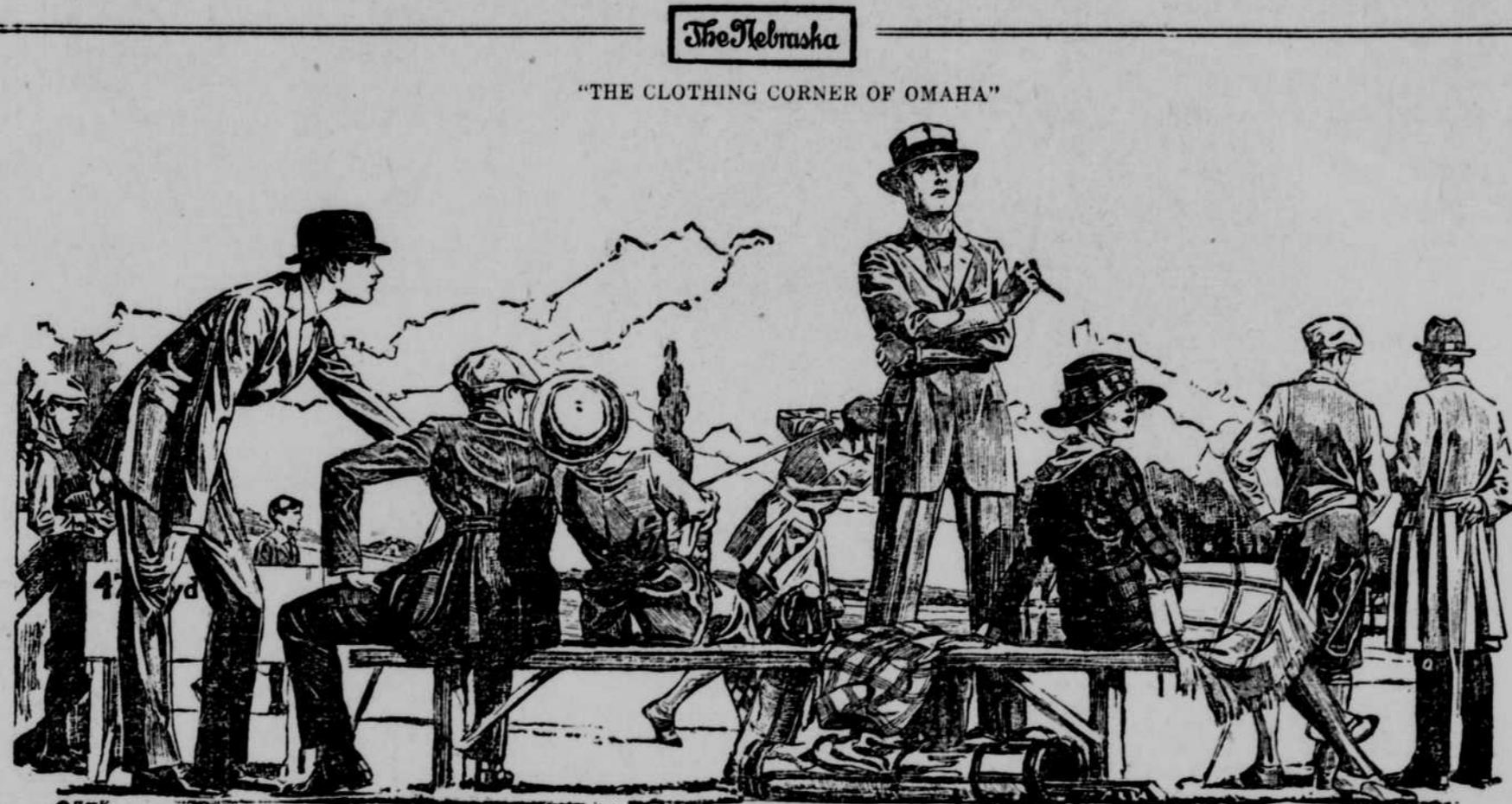
In Charge of His Bride. Long Beach, Cal., June 8.—B. B.

Rhoades was placed on probation for a month in custody of his bride after he had pleaded guilty in police court to violating the speed law.

"I was on my honeymoon," Rhoades told Police Judge Hawkins, "and I was going faster than I thought."

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