

Nicholas Smells Plot to Persecute Him in Indictment

Former Oil Company Head Comes to Omaha on Hearing of Grand Jury Action.

"Persecution by enemies" was the charge made yesterday by L. V. Nicholas, former head of the L. V. Nicholas Oil corporation, who was indicted by the federal grand jury yesterday on a charge of using the mails in pursuance of a scheme to defraud.

Nicholas, who is now president and general manager of the National Petroleum Marketers association, an organization of oil companies with headquarters in Chicago, rushed to Omaha, leaving Chicago Friday night on receiving information that the grand jury was hearing evidence in regard to his case.

Immediately on his arrival here he went direct to the office of District Attorney J. C. Kinsler to protest against being indicted.

Kinsler said he told him he knew nothing about what was going on behind the closed doors of the jury room.

He commented on his case to friends, telling them that he was "being persecuted by enemies."

Mr. Nicholas' bond was set at \$5,000. He was given ample time to obtain the bond.

Friends Remain Loyal. Friends and former business associates of Mr. Nicholas are standing by him. Stockton Heth, present manager of the company, who is acting in the interest of the stockholders, said:

"Mr. Nicholas was too optimistic, but he worked for what he thought was the best interests of the stockholders, and he never thought of defrauding anyone out of a penny."

According to friends, Nicholas had borrowed money with which to buy railroad tickets for his family and pay for the shipping of his household goods to Chicago so he could accept the job offered him as president of the Independent Oil Men's association.

It became known yesterday that an attempt was made to have Nicholas indicted by the grand jury some time ago, but an untrue bill was returned.

Mr. Nicholas while a resident of Omaha took an active part in civic affairs. His company started from a small red shed gasoline station until it had filling stations in every part of the city and in many parts of the state. He also established a huge refinery.

Approval of Naval Pact Is Welcomed

(Continued From Page One.) action and who still are fearful of a hitch. In most quarters, however, the view here is one of confidence that the highest peak in the pathway of the treaty has been passed.

Hughes to Fix Date. On this assumption, officials foresee a possibility for a conference for putting the naval limitations program into effect may be held before fall.

The navy department program, which would become the policy of the government in naval matters the moment the treaty was into force, not only has been prepared in every detail after long study by naval experts, but has been formally approved by Secretary Denby. It was prepared in May, 1922, by a board of which Rear Admiral David W. Taylor, chief constructor of the navy, was chairman.

Means Big Saving. The Taylor board recommended that the hulls of four new ships on navy yard ways be sold "on the stocks" for old metal; that, in other words, building under contract and the scrap be sold "on the stocks" and that all other ships be sold to the highest bidder who would be required to give a bond guaranteeing compliance with the terms of the treaty.

On the financial side, operation of the treaty apparently means a saving of about \$48,000,000 to the United States. Official estimates prepared by the bureau of yards and docks, place the total expenditures to date on the 11 new ships at approximately \$14,000,000, against a total estimated cost of \$134,000,000. Settlement of canceled contracts and other "overhead" expenses incurred while waiting the action of France was expected to materially reduce the indicated saving, however.

Referring to plans for settlement of canceled contracts, the Taylor board estimated that the cost to the government would be around \$70,000,000 but Secretary Denby declared that was "simply a preliminary estimate and must in no way be characterized as final." This cost would have to be met by a special appropriation.

Under the terms of the treaty, six months from the exchange of ratifications was permitted for "scrapping" the naval units which were to be eliminated but the navy department has interpreted that the ships must be rendered utterly unseaworthy for operations within that period and must be actually dismantled within 18 months of the day the treaty comes into effect.

Here's \$10---Come and Get It



Here's the music. Write your own words. Six prizes, one of \$5 and five of \$1 each, are offered by The Omaha Bee for the six best titles to this picture.

All titles must be written on postcards addressed to the Title Editor, The Omaha Bee. Titles must be in the Omaha Bee office by midnight Thursday. No title may exceed 12 words in length.

One person may send in as many titles as he wishes, but each must be on a separate postcard. This is the first of a series of cartoons, drawn by Russ Cole, which will appear every week in The Omaha Sunday Bee.

Endeavorers for World Court Plan; 'Law, Not War,' Plea of Parade Banners

15,000 Marchers Represent Every State in Huge Procession, Carrying Slogans on Unrest—W. J. Bryan Speaks Today on Church's Place in Affairs of World.

By Associated Press. Des Moines, Ia., July 7.—A parade of approximately 15,000 marchers representing every state in the union and numerous foreign countries, climaxed this week's program of the world's Christian Endeavor convention today.

The spectacle was designed to emphasize the far-reaching field of the organization and banners and floats set forth the ideals of service to which the Endeavorers are consecrated.

"Law, not war," and similar slogans relating to world unrest; pleas for the application of Christian principles in business and industry and for a fuller sense of Christian citizenship were prominent banners borne by the marchers.

Leadership in the parade went to states of the southwest and west by reason of their large delegations. Oklahoma won the honor position by far exceeding its quota of delegates.

Following the Oklahomaans, clad in the convention colors of red and white, were delegates from Wyoming, Arizona, Utah, New Mexico, and Texas, also honor states.

Christian Endeavor leaders reviewed the marchers from a downtown grandstand.

Resolutions Adopted. Another list of resolutions, adopted by the convention today, set forth the organization's desire for "a warless world," for interdenominational harmony, fellowship among races, application of the golden rule in industry and its desire to further Christian education and all movements for the uplifting of humanity.

"The Christian Endeavorers, realizing that they have comrades in all lands under the sun, are naturally interested in every worthy international movement for co-operative friendship," read the peace resolution.

In harmony with the declaration of the churches of all denominations to which they belong, they rejoice in the effort of the president to bring the United States to the support of the world court of arbitration and recognize the limitation of arms conference as the longest step yet taken toward the goal of world-wide peace. We desire to give our support to all wise measures of co-operation among the nations, that tend to bring about essentially a warless world."

Divisions Scored. The resolutions commended to the respective Protestant churches represented in the makeup of Christian Endeavor, the principles of the society, "as a common denominator" and deplored "unnecessary divisions" between the churches as well as between nations united through the various church organizations.

The society, another resolution declared, is a worldwide training school in fellowship and will continue to strive for interracial goodwill.

Tomorrow about 40 visiting ministers are to occupy pulpits in Des Moines churches. In the afternoon convention leaders expect more than 50,000 persons to attend a mass meeting at the state fair grounds, at which William Jennings Bryan is to speak on the church's place in world affairs and the importance of young people's activities in Christian service.

The three-mile liquor regulations are to be enforced by the federal government "if it requires all the forces at our command," United States Senator Simeon D. Fess of Ohio declared in an address at the world's

Council Bluffs Bureau of The Omaha Bee

'Trade at Home' Policy of Bluffs Is Not Followed

Report of Iowa Uni. Extension Department Recommends Several Changes—Outlook Optimistic.

Merchants and other citizens of Council Bluffs who are loudest in advocating the policy of "trade at home" do not consistently follow their own preaching, according to the report of W. F. Bristol of the extension department of the state university, who made a detailed retail trade survey of the community this year.

The report, which is rather voluminous, was received yesterday by Harlie R. Norris, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, under the auspices of which organization the trade survey was made. It goes very thoroughly into the retail situation and makes many recommendations.

11,073 Workers. There are 11,073 workers in Council Bluffs with a total annual income of \$16,236,784.50, the report states, and in addition there are approximately 3,000 persons living in the Bluffs and employed in Omaha, who have an annual total earning capacity of \$4,500,000.

Council Bluffs stores draw trade from an approximate radius of 20 miles, in which there are about 3,800 farmers with a total income of \$3,800,000 to be spent in such trade. These and the incomes of other classes in the trade area total about \$25,500,000.

Bristol states that Omaha sharply limits the drawing power of Bluffs stores on the west and even reaches into Iowa territory. His report sets forth that the Bluffs is rapidly growing and that its future as a community is optimistic on account of its natural resources, capital, ideal location for manufacturing sites, excellent railroad facilities and several other good possibilities.

Need Union Station. The expert states that the most urgent needs in the community are a union station, adequate business facilities from railroad stations, a new hotel, a more complete assortment and selection of merchandise and schools for clerks to increase personal service. He says that prices in Council Bluffs are very fair, compared with other cities of similar size.

Woman Hurt in Fall. Lena Martin, twenty-eight and Avenue J, employed in the Northwestern railroad yards in Council Bluffs as coach cleaner, fell from a ladder at work yesterday, injuring her back and hip. The police ambulance was called to take her to the Mercy hospital and the company physician, Dr. V. L. Treynor, was notified.

Council Bluffs Minor Mention. R. Holmes Bloomer has left the city upon a fishing trip. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McConnell leave today for Spirit Lake, Ia. E. P. Woodring Undertaking Co. Phone 339, Fourth and Broadway.

Schlaifer Gets \$150. From Attachment Case. Morrie Schlaifer, Omaha boxer, whose share of \$300 from the proceeds of the American Legion athletic show in Council Bluffs last week was held up on a writ of attachment obtained by a firm of Omaha attorneys, made a settlement yesterday with the plaintiffs.

Another Bluffs Box Car Robbery Is Reported. A. A. Barton, special agent for the Illinois Central railroad, reported to Council Bluffs police yesterday the theft of three cases of shoes from a boxcar in the local yards. The shipment of footwear was billed from a factory in Tacoma, Wash.

Man Nabbed in Booze Raid Is Given 90 Days in Jail. Jose Cabrera, arrested June 5 by the sheriff on the charge of illegal possession of liquor, pleaded guilty yesterday before Judge O. D. Wheeler in district court at Council Bluffs and was sentenced to 90 days in the county jail.

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Woman Granted Divorce. Flora Nielsen, 22, was awarded a decree of divorce yesterday in district court at Council Bluffs from Hans F. Nielsen, alias Nels Nielsen, 31, to whom she was married in 1918. Her petition alleged that after the ceremony she discovered that her husband already had a living wife from whom he was not divorced, and that she left him immediately.

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When Train Hits Motor Bus. Albany, Ore., July 7.—Five persons were injured, one a woman, possibly fatally, when Southern Pacific southbound train No. 17 struck a Portland-San Francisco southbound automobile passenger stage one mile north of Shedd shortly after noon today.

Postpone School at Neola. The vaccination school that was to be held at Neola, Ia., Tuesday and Wednesday under the auspices of the Pottawattamie farm bureau, has been postponed to July 24-25. At that time Dr. J. S. Craft of Des Moines will conduct the school. An autopsy of diseased hogs will be held the last day of the school.

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C. B. Johnson Defendant in Attachment Petition

Calvin B. Johnson is named defendant in an attachment petition brought by Charles J. Cronkleton & Co. in district court yesterday.

The plaintiff alleges that Johnson owes him \$87.42 for goods sold and delivered December 4, and the plaintiff asks judgment of \$116.02, with interest, and that a writ of attachment be issued against the properties of Johnson.

Anthracite Miners Wage Negotiations Delayed. Atlantic City, N. J., July 7.—Negotiations for a new wage contract between the anthracite miners and operators were unexpectedly interrupted, through the inability of the employers to complete the draft of their reply to the workers in time for today's scheduled session of the miners and operators. The reason given for the delay was that the stenographers were unable to complete the transcript of the speeches made by the miners' representatives at the opening meeting Friday, when the wage demands of the union were formally presented to the coal companies.

Funeral of Man Found Dead to Be Held Monday. The funeral of S. A. Beason, retired Council Bluffs realtor, found dead Thursday night in a room with a bullet in his head, at the home of his mother-in-law, Mrs. W. H. Campbell, 258 South First street, will be held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence of his brother, W. L. Beason, 235 Elder street, Rev. J. R. Perkins of the First Congregational church officiating. The Elks will give their ritual at the grave.

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