

LEGISLATION MANIPULATED FOR DEATHS

Move Made to impeach Gov. Walton

Legislators Hostile to Executive's War on Klan Meet in Secrecy to Arrange Ouster Program.

Ku Klux Claims Control

Oklahoma City, Okla., Sept. 18.—Impeachment proceedings against Gov. J. C. Walton, storm center of Oklahoma's "invisible war," were under course of preparation here tonight by a secret legislative "committee of three."

Meeting behind closed doors and battened windows, continuous conferences were under way this evening for the avowed purpose of convening the legislature in special session within the next 10 days.

But one aim is in view for summoning the assembly and the senate, it was learned from an authentic source. "That is to oust the governor."

Disregard Threat.
This course will be initiated and attempted in the face of Governor Walton's threat of arrest and imprisonment of recalcitrant legislators. It was declared by influential members of the legislature.

In spite of armed military patrols posted at the doors of the senate and assembly chambers, it was said that the legislative branch of the state government will attempt to pass and convene itself in formal and open session.

In the face of the governor's militant warning against such a course, a conflict between the executive and legislative powers appears inevitable. A crisis is imminent and apparently sure, it was said.

This information is regarded as entirely reliable. Its sources are necessarily strictly confidential, yet the anti-Walton program being formed is substantially as follows:

May Convene in Week.
Sixty telegrams were dispatched tonight to members of the house who are avowedly hostile to the governor. They are being advised to hold themselves in readiness for a call to the capital on Saturday, with the possibility of attempting to convene next Tuesday.

The same procedure is being followed with regard to members of the senate, the body before which the governor must be tried after charges have been filed by the house, if they are filed.

The numerical strength of the lower house is 105 members; the upper house numbers 32. At the conclusion of the ninth legislative session, which adjourned last March, Klan officials claimed 77 members in the house and 18 or 20 members in the senate. A two-thirds vote of the senate is required to carry impeachment, it was explained.

May Seek Court Opinion.
The plan is not being pressed without legal opinion from authoritative sources that the legislature is inherently empowered to convene itself through its own constitutional authority, it was said.

Leaders of the movement explained it tonight in an interview. "This is a fight to determine whether the governor is a dictator or whether this is a government of executive, judicial and legislative power."

As a precautionary measure, leaders of the program are considering asking the supreme court for a decision on the constitutionality of convening the legislature through its own initiative. Others urge a direct showdown between the legislature and the governor and express their willingness to go to jail for a test of the issue.

Southern Wyoming Ranges Are in Good Condition
Thomas Miller of Laramie, Wyo., brought to the stockyards a consignment of five cars of lambs.

According to Mr. Miller, range conditions have been excellent in southern Wyoming and the farmers are expected to market their livestock early. He also said ranchers had been unusually busy getting their hay crop and have had little time looking out for livestock.

"Many sheep raisers have held onto their sheep crop and have refused to sell, which has been a benefit to them, as the prices are steadily rising," said Mr. Miller.

N. P. to Maintain Dividend.
St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 18.—The Northern Pacific Railway company will maintain its 4 per cent annual dividend by voting a quarterly dividend of 1.14 per cent at its directors' meeting in New York city tomorrow. It was learned from authoritative sources here today.

Arizona Rivers on Rampage.
Prescott, Ariz., Sept. 18.—Rivers about a large part of north central Arizona went on a rampage following heavy rains and caused damage to highways and washed out numerous bridges, virtually isolating farming communities in the Verde valley.

Wins Croix de Guerre.
Athens, Sept. 18.—The Greek foreign minister has conferred the croix de guerre on Colonel Stephen B. Lowe, director of the American near east relief, for his work in saving the orphaned and refugees during and following the bombardment of Corfu by the Italian fleet.

Wonder Why There Is So Much Discontent in the Present Generation



The luxuries of a generation ago which were only for the banker who lived on the hill—



New Nebraska Melons Surprise

Scottsbluff County Puts "Golden Pheasant" on Market to Rival Rockyford.

To the people of Scottsbluff county, greetings:

These melons are fine. When Beach Coleman of Scottsbluff told the Lion's club of Omaha today that golden pheasant canteloupes are the best ever, he didn't exaggerate.

A. N. Mathers of Gering, speaker of the last house, has sent a crate to the staff of The Omaha Bee. Many carloads of the fruit have already been sold. The Union Pacific and Burlington railroads are using the melons on their diners. Orders and requests for prices are pouring in every day from all sections of the country.

The Melon Growers' association was organized a year ago by business men and farmers to further the development of the new industry in the western section of Nebraska.

Embezzler Is Given 3-Year Term in Pen

Chicago, Sept. 18.—Otto C. Lindeman, former cashier of the Lemont National bank, pleaded guilty to a charge of embezzlement before Federal Judge Adam C. Cliffe today and was sentenced to three years imprisonment in Leavenworth penitentiary.

He was charged with embezzling more than \$122,000 from the bank. He has made partial restitution. Judge Cliffe was told of \$40,000 of the money, by selling all his personal belongings.

Lindeman's attorney declared he got but 121 of the money he took in 1920, 1921 and 1922. In order to make a good showing they said he juggled his accounts and then paid larger dividends to the stockholders.

Aged Woman Badly Injured When Car Crowded in Ditch

Beaver City, Neb., Sept. 18.—Mrs. Cynthia Smith, 81, was probably fatally injured in an automobile accident nine miles east of Beaver City. The car driven by her grandson, Eldon Worrell, was crowded into a ditch by a speeding auto on the state road. Mrs. Smith's arm was crushed and was amputated. She received a scalp wound eight inches long and is in a critical condition.

Farmers of Gage County Planting Winter Wheat

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Beaver City, Neb., Sept. 18.—Farmers in Gage county report the ground in fine condition for fall seeding since the late rains and a number of them began planting their winter wheat crops today. The average will be about the same as last year. According to the government weather bureau here, the rainfall amounted to 1.19 inches.

Douglas County Legion to Rule South Side Post

Test Vote at State Convention Favors Control of Athletics by Omaha Legionnaires.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Hastings, Neb., Sept. 18.—Omaha legionnaires won a victory on a test vote today in the controversy between Omaha and South Side posts relative to the control of athletics. The American Legion convention here accepted the report of the special policies committee recommending that the two posts be guided by the decisions of the Douglas county central committee.

The matter will again come before the delegates in a formal resolution making it the order of the convention and the South Side delegates may make an effort to have it tabled.

The legion held an imposing parade today. Posts and auxiliary delegations were grouped by congressional districts, with massed colors. The Hastings Girls' Cadet corps led the procession.

Grand Island, Beatrice and Hartington are seeking next year's convention. Selection will be made tomorrow.

Sherrin Raisers to Ship Cattle Early This Season

A car each of cows and yearling steers were brought to the Omaha market by J. L. Kinney of Sheridan, Wyo. He said there were many cattle to be shipped from his section and that they would be sent to market early.

Many of the stockraisers are going to ship their cattle right off the farms," said Mr. Kinney. "The experience has been that the stockmen have held onto their stock until they have fed all their feed and then had to send them to market during a bad market."

"A number of mortgages on ranches will be foreclosed, as many of the ranchers have not been able to meet expenses on account of low prices for cattle."

Papers Issued Jointly

New York, Sept. 18.—After paying dividends of nearly \$11,000,000, the Pullman company returned a net surplus of \$2,417,083 for the year ending July 31, 1923, as compared with a surplus the previous year of \$1,171,294, the company's annual report disclosed today.

Pullman Surplus Larger

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Farmer Killed by Lightning Bolt

John Bard, Near Edison, Is Struck While Standing on Porch of Home.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Beaver City, Neb., Sept. 18.—John C. Bard, farmer, 43, five miles north of Edison, was struck by lightning on the front porch of his home and lived but a few minutes. In a terrific electric storm the farm house was struck and set on fire. Mr. Bard rushed from his bedroom to the porch, where a second bolt struck.

Mrs. Bard, with three children, from 1 to 4 years old, gave her husband the best assistance possible. After she put out the flames that threatened the home she called the neighbors.

The Bard family is among the best known in the neighborhood.

Keith County Prepares for Second Hay Crop

A. L. Smith of Lemoyne was a visitor at the stockyards yesterday, looking over the market. He said the hay crop was extra good in his section, which, in his opinion, would necessitate a large amount of cattle feeding.

"Never before in the past 32 years since I have been in Keith county," said Mr. Smith, "have I seen such a fine crop of hay. The farmers have cut one crop and are getting ready to cut the second."

"Chokers did a great deal of damage to our spring pig crop, which has been quite a drawback to the farmers. Our corn is going to run extraordinarily heavy this year."

Pawnee City High School Will Publish Annual

Pawnee City, Neb., Sept. 18.—The Senior class of the Pawnee City High school and the executive committee of the class and faculty voted to issue a high school annual for the year 1923-24. The following members of the class were appointed as members of the staff:

Eliza Rea, editor-in-chief; Ella Hutchinson, associate editor; Harold Bosley, subscription manager; Harold Bosley, subscription manager.

A complete staff of department heads was also appointed and work will begin immediately upon the publication. This is the first annual that has been issued by the Pawnee City High school in several years.

Man Faces Charge of Crime Against Girl

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Scientist Enabled to Foretell Weather by Color of Clouds

Paris, Sept. 18.—"Red in the morning, shepherd's warning; red at night, shepherd's delight," may be founded on actual astronomical fact, Professor Villard told the Academy of Sciences today.

Observations extending over 20 years have convinced him that the weather can be foretold 12 to 40 hours in advance by a study of color cloud formations.

"Clouds have color of their own which is not entirely due to the rays of the sun," said Professor Villard.

Wheat Prices Topic of Long Cabinet Meet

President Coolidge Asks Secretary of Agriculture Wallace to Prepare Report on Farm Conditions.

Washington, Sept. 18.—President Coolidge and the cabinet today undertook the task of working out a remedy for conditions in the wheat belt. For half an hour before the cabinet met the president and Secretary of Agriculture Wallace were in conference.

Virtually all of his time was devoted to a survey of the general agricultural situation and consideration of possible remedies for the troubles of the wheat growers. Other branches of the farming industry—corn, hogs, cattle and cotton—were found to be in a fairly satisfactory condition.

Secretary Wallace, who has been making a special study of the agricultural field at the request of the president, was instructed to prepare a report of his findings, with recommendations as to what may be done by the federal government. This report will be laid before the president Thursday of Friday of this week.

It may be found advisable to urge the wheat growers to turn to other products. The administration's experts will study agricultural imports with a view to determining what part of these products the wheat raisers may supply.

President Coolidge believes it would be profitable for wheat growers in some states to raise sugar beets, or flax, as now is being done in the Dakotas.

In order to ascertain definitely and on the ground what are the difficulties of the exact conditions of the wheat being considered, the president's spokesman said. One section is proposing one remedy and another has different ideas. Mr. Coolidge wants the secretary of agriculture to go among the farmers and find out personally the exact conditions of the wheat problem is one of commercial activity, as well as agricultural production, the spokesman for the president added, representatives of the Department of Commerce also will attend the regional meetings.

Rio Grande Bridge Washed Out by Flood

San Antonio, Tex., Sept. 17.—The concrete bridge spanning the Rio Grande at Eagle Pass, which has stood floodwaters for the past 10 days, gave way and about 300 feet near the center of the structure was washed out. The Rio Grande had been rising at the rate of one inch an hour throughout the day. Traffic over the bridge was stopped at midnight Sunday.

Hundreds of American citizens who celebrated Mexican Independence day Sunday in Piedras Negras, were marooned when traffic over the bridge was closed.

Rains Put Ground in Good Condition for Seeding

Hastings, Neb., Sept. 18.—Two days' rainfall throughout the south central section of Nebraska has placed this area in most favorable condition for fall seeding. In the extreme west end of the South Platte district some wheat is already up, but in this part the major portion of the crop remains to be sown. Not for years has the condition been so favorable for a strong stand of the fall crop, due to the recent rains. Nearly two inches of rain fell here.

Damage Suit Against Gus Hyers Dismissed

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Lincoln, Sept. 18.—The district court today dismissed a \$1,000 damage suit filed against Gus Hyers, state sheriff, Fred Lunsinger, who was wounded by possemen at Lincoln during the Fred Brown chase a year ago.

Methodist Ministers in Session at Lincoln

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Lincoln, Sept. 18.—Four hundred and fifty Methodist ministers are here to attend the 11th annual session of the Nebraska M. E. churches which opens tonight with lectures by Rev. Harry W. Huntington and Rev. C. W. McCaskill. Rev. Mr. McCaskill was present at the opening of King Tut's tomb in Egypt. The conference will continue for five days.

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21 Children Missing in Fire Ruins

Six Professors Also Unaccounted for in Check of Flame-Swept Area of Berkeley.

Berkeley, Cal., Sept. 18.—With the smoke of Berkeley's fire of yesterday slowly clearing away today, 21 children and five University of California professors are reported as missing.

Whether they actually perished or took refuge among strangers and failed to notify their relatives and friends is the question which has sent searching parties into the ruins in an effort to answer.

All of the professors' homes were in the fire area. The children were pupils of the Hillside school, which was burned. As none of the teaching staff of the school was reported missing, police entertain hope that the little ones may have been taken into private homes.

Loss May Be \$10,000,000.
The loss in the fire was variously estimated between \$5,000,000 and \$10,000,000 as citizens began taking stock of damage done by the conflagration which swept approximately 60 blocks of residences.

That the loss will amount to \$10,000,000 was the estimate fixed by C. C. Enslee, president of the Berkeley Board of Fire Underwriters. Enslee said that less than \$4,000,000 insurance was carried on the property destroyed, leaving Berkeley facing a loss of \$6,000,000.

Thousands of dollars was paid this afternoon to fire victims by the various companies. Payments will be made 100 cents on the dollar, Enslee declared. He said approximately 100 agencies are involved.

Persons whose policies were destroyed were urged to confer with their agents immediately in order to expedite adjustment.

Classes Are Resumed.
A smaller estimate was placed by A. Hodgkinson, manager of the Board of Fire Underwriters of the Pacific, who said he believed the loss would be about \$5,000,000. The University of California sustained no damage whatever, and classes were resumed today as usual.

The fire that raged all day yesterday and far into the night in 20 counties of central and northern California appear to have about burned themselves out, providing a wind does not fan the burning embers into renewed fury.

It is estimated that approximately 300 square miles of the most prosperous section of the state have been laid in waste. The loss will run into the millions. Reports of narrow escapes are frequent, but thus far no loss of life has been reported.

The "Valley of the Moon," in Sonoma county, made famous by the late Jack London's novel, today is but a charred mass. Resort towns of Sonoma Vista, Caliente Park and Hayes Hot Springs were wiped out by flames.

In Upper Sonoma, Duncans Mills and Markham were destroyed, as were several Russian river summer resorts and a score of private homes in the vicinity of Guerneville.

In Marin county, north of San Francisco, several summer home settlements and 30 square miles were burned over, in Solano county the Vallejo water works is encircled by fire and stock ranges are a blackened mass; the town of El Dorado is reported in dozens of other places, where the flames are now reported under control.

List of Missing.
The list of those reported missing, was announced as follows by the police: Anne Stone, 11; Barbara, Howard and Keith Bowen, two Templeton children, Cleghorn, girl, 14; Alice Mulford, Frances Weiler, 13; two Talbot children, McClure child, but in this part the major portion of the crop remains to be sown. Not for years has the condition been so favorable for a strong stand of the fall crop, due to the recent rains. Nearly two inches of rain fell here.

The missing professors are: C. F. Shaw, professor of soil technology; E. C. Voorhies, assistant professor of animal husbandry; G. B. Marsh, associate professor of Spanish; C. M. Haring, professor of veterinary science and director of the agricultural experiment station, and W. R. Halston, specialist in agriculture extension.

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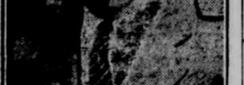
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University Students Killed in Car Crash



Charles Springer.



Edna Boorman.

Efforts to Start Mutiny at Prison Halted by Guards

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Lincoln, Sept. 18.—An attempt to arouse several hundred convicts in the shirt factory at the state penitentiary to mutiny failed today.

At 10 this morning four convicts, Jack Ellis, Lee Murray, John Tarr and Fred Weitzel, sprang from their sewing machines in the factory. They grabbed their chairs and used them as clubs to break machines.

In three minutes guards were on them. The machines were destroyed. Officials believe that these men thought the usual complaining of prisoners against any sort of work was taken by the four convicts to mean an insurrection could be started. Not a man joined them.

The shirt factory has been installed for more than a year. Each man is assigned a task each day, which, according to Warden Fenton, "can be completed in four and a half hours. After the task is done it is optional with the convict as to whether he takes advantage of the prison yard and recreation or continues with his work. After the daily task is completed, all other work done that day is paid for at a wage scale.

"These men are the type who object to any kind of work," the warden said.

Warden Fenton took them to justice court this afternoon where a complaint was filed charging them with destroying property valued at \$257.50.

Numerous Gypsy Bands Seen Near Geneva, Neb.

Geneva, Neb., Sept. 18.—More gypsies have been seen here this fall than any time previous. Recently a band of them camped north of town and a son was born to a couple giving the name of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Demetro. The infant died the next day. The parents left the baby in charge of an undertaker and continued their journey without waiting for burial of the infant.

Greeks Apologize

Athens, Sept. 18.—Fulfillment of the conditions stipulated in the note to Greece from the inter-allied council of ambassadors as a result of the massacre of the Italian mission near Janina began today when Minister of the Interior Mavromichalis expressed official apologies to the British, French and Italian governments at their respective legations.

Rotary Officials Are Guests of McCook Club

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. McCook, Neb., Sept. 18.—District Governor Vern Hedge of Lincoln held a conference of District No. 19, Rotary presidents and secretaries, in McCook yesterday with practically every Rotary club of the 3 in Nebraska, western Iowa and South Dakota represented.

McCook Rotary entertained the visitors at noon luncheon, and at a dinner served at Kelly lake in cafeteria style by the Rotary committee, following an auto drive in the country. The day's festivities closed with a theater party.

Beatrice Millers to Ship 50,000 Sacks of Flour

Beatrice, Neb., Sept. 18.—Black Bros., millers at this point, have received the largest order in the history of the plant. The consignment will amount to 50,000 sacks of flour, or approximately 60 carloads. It will be shipped to eastern markets.

Corn Near Beatrice Now Out of Danger of Frost

Beatrice, Neb., Sept. 18.—According to farmers, corn in this vicinity has matured rapidly the past week and practically all of the crop is now out of the way of damage by frost. Rain is needed for fall seeding.

The Weather

For 24 hours ending 7 p. m. Sept. 18. Highest, 60; lowest, 37; mean, 48; Normal, 46. Total excess since January 1, 178. Relative Humidity, Percentage. 7 p. m. 83; 10 p. m. 75; 11 p. m. 65. Precipitation, Inches and hundredths. Total 0. Total since January 1, 25.81. Hourly Temperatures. 5 a. m. 38; 6 a. m. 38; 7 a. m. 38; 8 a. m. 38; 9 a. m. 38; 10 a. m. 38; 11 a. m. 38; 12 m. 38; 1 p. m. 38; 2 p. m. 38; 3 p. m. 38; 4 p. m. 38; 5 p. m. 38; 6 p. m. 38; 7 p. m. 38; 8 p. m. 38; 9 p. m. 38; 10 p. m. 38; 11 p. m. 38.