

Nebraska: Mostly cloudy Wednesday, probably showers; not much change in temperature.

# Dan Butler Is Removed by Council

## Henry Dunn Returned to Police Commissioner; Vote Is 4 to 1; No Demonstration.

### Mayor, Hopkins Absent

City council Tuesday morning transferred City Commissioner D. B. Butler from the police department to his old department of accounts and finance, and assigned Commissioner H. W. Dunn to the commissionership of police.

This was accomplished by the votes of Commissioners Joseph Koutsky, J. B. Hummel, Dean Noyes and H. W. Dunn, the latter acting as presiding officer of the council in the absence of Mayor J. C. Dahlman. Commissioner John Hopkins went to California last Friday night.

The action of the council came in the form of a report and resolution from the mayor who has been in a hospital since last Saturday night. These documents, dated October 15, were written last Saturday. Commissioner Dunn visited the mayor at a hospital Monday morning.

### To Station Together

The resolution, transferring Commissioners Butler and Dunn back to their former departments, contained a clause which provided for immediate assignment of departments. A few minutes after the council meeting, which adjourned at 11, Commissioners Butler and Dunn went to Central Police station together. Since he assumed jurisdiction of the police department last March 22, Mr. Butler has maintained his office at police headquarters, Twelfth and Dodge streets.

The council's formality yesterday was not attended by any demonstration. Commissioner Butler announced that he voted against the resolution because he was opposed to turning the police department back to "Dennisson and his friends." Mr. Butler was affected by the action of the council, although he suppressed his emotions.

### Mayor's Report

The mayor's report which accompanied his resolution referred to various documents which were referred to his department during the last two months and affecting the police department. One of the matters referred to him was a resolution adopted by the Tenth Ward Improvement club on the matter of transferring the police commissioner; another was a signed protest from residents along Pierce street, Sixth and Tenth streets, against alleged unwarranted search of automobiles and persons by the police, and there was a letter from S. Salerno, Italian consular agent, against search of automobiles.

The mayor referred to the hearing held in the city council chamber on the action of police to the Sixth and Twenty-fourth streets, and to charges heard against members of the police moral squad which resulted in the suspension of four officers. There was also a letter from the Bohemian-American Improvement club demanding the transfer of Mr. Butler from the police department. The mayor submitted the following conclusion in his report to the council:

**Personal Observations.** "In addition to the foregoing I have been informed by individuals of other matters concerning the administration of the police department, and have also made personal observations. "I have given the matters careful consideration and it is my conclusion that the public service and management of the affairs of the city would be benefited by transferring the present superintendent of police to the department of accounts and finance, and by transferring to the department of accounts and finance to the department of police. A resolution to that effect is herewith submitted."

**Rumored for Weeks.** "The transfer back of Commissioners Butler and Dunn has been a subject of rumor for several weeks. Last Tuesday morning Commissioners Koutsky, Dunn and Noyes conferred with the mayor. One of the rumors was that an effort was made to induce Commissioner J. B. Hummel to take the police department. "In a recent public statement Commissioner Butler stated that the city council did not have the nerve to transfer him back to the department of accounts and finance."

**Transferred in March.** "The transfer of Butler from account and finance to police department last March, followed a series of criticisms of police department administration by Butler in the council chamber. "At the time Mr. Butler was assigned the police department the city council transferred the health department from police department to public affairs department which is in the jurisdiction of the mayor. Recently the council also transferred the municipal civil department from accounts and finance to public affairs department. During his former service as commissioner of accounts and finance Mr. Butler had charge of the municipal department."

**Too Abusive.** "Commissioner Koutsky offered the following comment this morning after the council adopted the mayor's resolution: "I think the mayor was right. We have had the most abusive police administration under Butler the city has ever had. He went after friends of the administration rather than the law breakers. If Butler had performed his duty the council would have been with him. If anyone was a friend of Dahlman he was in fear of being raided."

Commissioners Koutsky and Butler have engaged in bitter clashes in the council chamber.

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# UP AND DOWN AND ROUND ABOUT OMAHA

Thomas J. Eawlin of Wakefield in the city and boasting of being about the only democrat in Nebraska to be selected for a federal position under present administration. Tom is serving as a juror in federal court, and appointment will soon lapse.

William B. Price, who elings tenaciously to old forms and customs. Knew him the minute I glimpsed the white vest and carnation on coat lapel. Habit must be good thing for laundries and florists. Most of us have our idiosyncrasies. William's is white vests and buttonhole bouquets. Nine is short hair in order to avoid wasting time combing it. What's yours?

Young women carrying swaggers sticks now. Inclines 'me to believe mothers could have made better use of their several years ago.

The "I Knew Him When Club" continues to grow. H. H. Fish, grand mogul of Western Newspaper Union. Gotten away up in the world, physically and in business way, since first we met. Just as easy to approach in his mahogany furnished office as he was when he presided over branch office at Lincoln, where his desk looked like a relic of Noah's navigation of ice.

Was going to see Tom Mix or Bill Hart on the screen. Saw shooting affray on Farnam and lust for warfare satiated. Heard one bullet twice—first time when it passed me; second time when I passed it.

Can't resist the opportunity to say that Butler was Dunn known, with-out much Noyes, and presume that things will now hum along in good shape. First and last offense.

Crisp autumn air. Recalls old days of hick'rynuttin' and pawpaws and persimmons. Expect this to get a rise out of all former Missourians now living in Omaha. 'Possums come to mind, also.

Very democratic city. Parked under office window are three cars. One in center, classy six-cylinder, bright blue, flashing nickel trimmings. On each side a battered flyver. Driver of classy car backs out to let flyver get away. Driver of other flyver descends and holds smiling conversation with driver of classy car.

Two big trucks tangled in narrow alley. Ears somewhat accustomed to emphatic language terribly shocked by exchange of courtesies. Disappointed, however, that it all ended in language.

Not greatly embarrassed, of course, never having enough of them on my person to worry about, but simply can't become accustomed to getting one dollar bills instead of silver dollars in change. Prefer the silver, as I can hear it rattle.

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### Speaker Charges Press With Failure to Mention De-feat of Dry Law Repeals.

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### Brownville Young Man Injured in Auto Accident

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### Goodbye Ol' Tiner

That's what the owner said after he had placed a two-line advertisement in The Bee which read: "Quick Meal gas stove for sale; part white porcelain; phone HA. ...."

He had to say "goodbye," for there were plenty of folks who wanted to buy the stove. So he sold it, then called a Bee Ad Taker to have his advertisement cancelled.

Now he is spending the money gained by using his head plus a Bee classified ad. We can sell you one, too. Phone AT. 1000 and try it.

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# Father and Son Hurt When Train Hits Auto

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Columbus, Neb., Oct. 16.—Will Fyfe, farmer, sustained three fractured ribs and his youngest son, Billy, 2, is in a Columbus hospital with three toes gone, as the result of their automobile being struck by a Union Pacific freight train at Gardiner, Neb.

Fyfe and his two sons, Donald, 6, and Billy, were driving to Gardiner when the accident occurred. The freight train, headed by engine No. 456, stopped his machine until the train passed, then started across, falling to see another freight on the other track. The engine struck the front end of the car, completely demolishing the machine, and throwing all three of the occupants out of the car.

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# Ex-Premier Fears for Democracy

Lloyd George Declares Free Nations of Earth Imperiled by Wave of Autocracy. Cites Russia's Example

Chicago, Oct. 16.—Five years after the world war, democracy which in 1918 won a great victory over autocracy, is in peril, David Lloyd George, the war time premier of Great Britain, declared in a luncheon address here today. A wave of autocracy seems to be sweeping over the world, he said, but against it the United States, Great Britain and France will stand together.

"Russia threw over democracy a few months after starting the experiment," the former premier asserted. "Italy, Spain, Bulgaria and now Germany is talking about a dictatorship. Democracy is in peril, in five years after the greatest triumph democracy has ever had."

"Why is democracy more imperiled? It is slower to begin, it does not bring its forces into action in the way perhaps an autocracy does, but in a struggle it is the heart that tells, and democracy sustains the heart, and what happens is that democratic institutions alone can produce and train men that are able to appeal to the heart of the people. The heights of sacrifice which are the last citadels of freedom in all lands."

"Now when democracy is in danger, when I can see the throne of democracy tumbling in one land after another, here you have a land of democracy, and France, I believe, will stand by democracy, and whatever happens these three great lands together will stand against this wave of autocracy which seems to be sweeping over the world."

The arrival of the distinguished visitor in the city was marked by a formal demonstration. Met at the station by a reception committee headed by Mayor Dever, Lloyd George was taken on a drive through the loop section, preceded by a band from the Great Lakes naval training station and an escort of cavalry, and flanked by official cars. Met at police and fire stations. Crowds packed the sidewalks while other hunk from windows and other places of vantage high up on the buildings. Confetti and streamers filled the air, while there was a continuous roar of welcome as the automobile bearing the former premier with band head passed through the streets.

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### Rain Near Pawnee City Delays Cornhusking

Pawnee City, Neb., Oct. 16.—Although husking county corn has begun in practically all of the fields in the county, it is feared that the continued wet weather will keep it from drying out so that it can be stored in cribs or large piles. Husking will be delayed for several weeks on account of the rains.

### Farmers of Albion Are Shipping Out Old Corn

Albion, Neb., Oct. 16.—While most of the corn grown in this vicinity is fed to livestock, 2 cars of old corn has been shipped from this point in the last 30 days. This is close to 50,000 bushels and has brought to the farmers approximately \$40,000. There is still considerable corn yet to be sold.

# Bonacci Found Guilty of Attack on Wife With Ax

Jury Out 15 Minutes—Expert Testimony on Man's Mental State Given by Dr. Young.

After 15 minutes deliberation the jury in District Judge Goss' court trying Raffaele Bonacci last evening returned a verdict of guilty of assault with intent to do great bodily injury to his wife, whom he attacked with an ax June 24.

A few moments after the jury filed out at 4:45 Judge Goss called the members back to receive additional instructions. Formerly he told them to find Bonacci either guilty of assault with intent to commit great bodily injury, guilty of assault and battery, or innocent. He recalled them to add that they might find him innocent on account of insanity, in which case he would be committed to the insane hospital.

Expert testimony about the possibilities of the case was adduced by Dr. Alexander Young of the University of Nebraska college of medicine. Dr. Young expressed the theory that an uneducated and impulsive Italian might do what Bonacci did the night of June 24 and be perfectly sane meanwhile. He admitted on cross examination that, if the motive were no more than anger over his wife's automobile ride, the act suggested epilepsy or some other nervous seizure.

Coffey, attorney for the defense maintained that Bonacci suffered from hysteria at the time he attacked his wife, and quoted from Dr. Young's testimony in another trial to indicate that a man in that condition could not distinguish between right and wrong.

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# New Chinese President

Marshall Tso-Kun, military governor of the Chinese province of Chihli and leader of the Chihli militarists, has just been elected president of the Chinese republic by the Peking parliament. The charge was later openly made that he bought the presidency by paying \$5,000 a vote.

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It was emphasized at the White House that the president could not take personal charge of dry law enforcement under the law, even if other matters permitted him to devote the time to it. A special bureau is set up for the purpose and this is accountable to the collector of revenue and in turn, through the secretary of the treasury to the president, it was stated.

The treasury officials told the president that enforcement of the dry law should be vested with the Department of Justice, it was stated. Secretary Mellon, in particular, feels that this should be done as soon as possible, because of the fact that the Justice department is in charge of prosecutions.

It was pointed out, however, that this plan is collected in a departmental reorganization committee report which is to be submitted to congress and the transfer cannot be made until that time.

For temporary purposes, however, it was learned that the president's plan for law enforcement calls for the states giving much greater assistance to the federal government than now is being done.

It was pointed out that the dry act gives the states concurrent powers with the federal government, but that instead of employing this power, the majority have shifted the burden to the United States. This has resulted in such congestion of courts that dry law violators cannot be brought to trial while violators released on bond continue to play their trade, it was said.

The president will urge that when city, county, or state officers make arrests, the cases be brought to trial under the laws of the state, instead of in the federal courts, it was said. They will also be urged to make arrests instead of relying on the "handful of federal agents to do so."

For the federal government he will promise that all the available agencies will be employed to prevent smuggling and to withdraw licenses from violators from warehouses. In doing this he will ask the treasury to use the coast guard service, customs service and internal revenue agents on a larger scale than is now being done.

### Governor to Attend Washington Meeting

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Lincoln, Oct. 16.—Governor Bryan announced today that he would attend the meeting of governors called by President Coolidge for Saturday, October 20.

"I feel that it is my duty to attend," said the governor, in discussing the trip. "I will be unable, however, to go to the conference, as I have now being held at West Baden, much as I would like to do so."

The governor plans to leave Lincoln tomorrow afternoon for Chicago, where he will spend the day with coal mine owners, in an endeavor to get further light on the coal situation. He will leave Chicago Thursday night and go direct to Washington.

His trip has forced him to refuse the invitation to take part in the stadium dedication ceremonies which will be held here October 20, and he so advised Chancellor Avery this morning.

### First Aid Lectures Are Given Triangle Member

Members of the Triangle club are now better informed on first aid to the injured. At the regular luncheon of the club yesterday noon in Hotel Fontenelle, J. J. Frederick Langdon and Dr. B. F. Ewing gave the club a series of demonstrations.

The doctors explained how to apply bandages according to approved methods and they demonstrated the Schaefer and Sylvester methods of resuscitation. First treatment in cases of ordinary injuries was explained in a practical manner.

### Killed by Train

Sioux City, Ia., Oct. 15.—Harley Drew, 19-year-old son of Mrs. D. M. Drew, Antigo, Wis., was fatally injured in the railroad yards today when he was run over by a train.

# Coolidge to Fight Rum

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