

# OIL FIELD MENACED BY MEXICANS

## Iowa Farm Bureau May Go It Alone

State Senate Raps Discord in Federation Over Action in Dropping Secretary Coverdale.

### His Policies Are Upheld

Des Moines, Dec. 10.—The "resignation" of J. W. Coverdale, secretary of the American Farm Bureau federation, may result in the withdrawal of the Iowa Farm Bureau federation from the national organization, it was learned here today.

By Associated Press.

Des Moines, Dec. 10.—A resolution deplored the reported difficulties within the administration of the American Farm Bureau federation, which Saturday resulted in the "discharge" as he termed it, of J. W. Coverdale of Iowa, secretary of the federation, was adopted this afternoon by the agricultural committee of the Iowa senate.

The resolution, which will be brought up in the senate tomorrow, declares it appears "that a concentrated effort is being made to destroy the effectiveness" of the federation and to place control "in those whose interests are essentially antagonistic to the agricultural industry."

Charges hurled at Sapiro. This, it was indicated in committee debate, referred to the alleged movement by a group headed by Aaron Sapiro, which Mr. Coverdale has asserted, was responsible for his "discharge."

Iowa representatives at the federation convention in session at Chicago were urged to work for the continuance of the policies advocated by Mr. Coverdale, which it was declared, led to the differences among the administrative officers. Mr. Coverdale's policies, the resolution declared, were "in the highest interest of the agricultural industry."

Elimination of Mr. Coverdale, who was one of the founders of the farm bureau movement, would, "if permitted to stand, inevitably enable his opponents and the opponents of agriculture to more readily effectuate their purpose of bringing the agricultural industry under their own domination and the farmers themselves to subjection."

Mr. Coverdale has charged that politics had a share in the movement to remove him from the secretaryship, an office he has held since the organization of the national body.

Service Before Self.

Chicago, Dec. 10.—Organization and orderly marketing by co-operation are the two things uppermost in the minds of most people as being the most helpful to the farmer, said President O. E. Bradford, Xenia, O., in opening the annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau federation.

He referred briefly to "the question which is being widely advertised as splitting the organization, 'not how, but who?'"

"It is the business of the American Farm Bureau federation to render service to the farmers and not quarrel over who shall have the first opportunity to profit either personally or financially," he said.

A deficit of more than \$25,000 was reported by A. B. Simpson, director of finance.

Mr. Bradford said that reports would reveal a "startling deficiency" in the matter of forwarding dues, and said that it meant that some county and state bureaus had not kept faith with the individual members who paid the dues with the understanding that part of them was to go toward the budget of the federation.

## Juror, Crazed, Attacks Judge

Dismissing Member of Jury in Criminal Assault Case Believed Demented.

Lincoln, Dec. 10.—Alleged to have become violently insane following a disagreement of the jury on which he was a member, Roy Frahm is said to have attacked the presiding judge, George C. Gilliam of Lexington, when the jury brought in notice of its disagreement at Sidney last Friday, according to Lee Bayse, assistant attorney general, assisting at the trial.

The case was that of Dr. Antonia A. Larsen, charged with criminally assaulting Mrs. Katherine M. Taylor, one of his patients, at Gurley in June, 1922. According to Mr. Bayse, all of the jurors except Frahm were ready to acquit Dr. Larsen on the statutory charge if the county attorney would bring other charges against the doctor.

Postmasters Nominated.

Washington, Dec. 10.—The following Nebraska, South Dakota and Iowa citizens were nominated in the senate today for postmasterhips.

Nebraska: Robert Pease, Beatrice; August J. Baumann, Grand Island; South Dakota: Henry Rohrer, Madison; Fred S. Williams, Pierre; John H. Mathias, Rapid City.

Iowa: Roy H. Bailey, Newton; J. Tracy Garrett, Burlington; Frank M. Williams, Council Bluffs; Charles C. Shrader, Iowa City; William S. McKee, Muscatine.

## Curtain Falls on Vajert Drama at Path Points Back to Farm Home

Community Joins in Friendly Congratulation as Little Family Resumes Broken Domestic Threads After Popular Verdict Ends Trial That Stirred County.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Seward, Neb., Dec. 10.—In a little white farmhouse, five miles to the east of Milford, the Vajert family, cleared Saturday night of charges of first degree murder, is busy today picking up the threads of a happy existence that were broken just two months ago when the dead body of Anton Lana was discovered.

As the curtain slowly fell on the little cross-section of life that has occupied the stage here for the past two weeks, it was difficult to determine who among the principals were more affected by the verdict.

## Borah Inquires Into Expenses of Farm Loan Board

Confirmation of M. L. Corey of Omaha Will Be Delayed by Senate Move.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Washington, Dec. 10.—A resolution conferring the appointment of M. L. Corey of Omaha, L. J. Pettijohn of Kansas and Elmer Landis of Ohio, activities of these men in creating the position of fiscal agent for the board at a salary of \$25,000 per year for C. E. Lobdell, former chairman of the board, have been under investigation by the Nebraska delegation for a week.

Senator Arthur Capper, leader of the farm bloc, asserted that he would be for anything that would force the board to cut down the \$25,000 salary which the board acquiesced in paying when such a salary was proposed by members of the Federal Farm Loan board.

Furthermore, Capper voiced what is taken to be the sentiment of the farm bloc relative to the Corey confirmation, when he said, "I will be guided absolutely by the expressed desires of Senators Howell and Norris in voting on the confirmation of Mr. Corey, when Corey's name comes up before the senate."

## Robinson and Swanson Out for Re-Election

Nebraska Republicans Take Aggressive—J. W. Mayer, Formerly of Beatrice, for Secretary of State.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 10.—Republican incumbents of state house offices are beginning to line up for re-election. Dan Swanson, commissioner of public lands and buildings and C. D. Robinson, state treasurer, having announced today that they will be candidates in 1924.

For the office of secretary of state, at present held by Charles Pool, a democrat, J. W. Bryan, republican, and former mayor of Beatrice, now a resident here, has declared himself a candidate. George Marsh, state auditor, who is known to have leaning toward stance for congress, has made no announcement of his future plans and it is a toss-up whether he will stand for re-election.

## Rail Executive Dies.

Montreal, Dec. 10.—Lord Shaughnessy, chairman of the board of directors of the Canadian Pacific railway, died today in his 70th year. He was taken ill suddenly yesterday. Death was due to heart disease and complications. Lord Shaughnessy was born in Milwaukee.

## Married in Council Bluffs.

The following persons obtained marriage licenses in Council Bluffs yesterday:

- Charles Munsinger, North Platte, Neb., 26; Lella Marlow, Oshkosh, Neb., 27; Jennings Harper, Casper, Wyo., 27; Adelaide Washburn, New Orleans, La., 27; William Johnson, Council Bluffs, 28; Abbie Meskins, Council Bluffs, 28; Arthur Reed, Beatrice, Neb., 28; Francis McCollery, Lincoln, Neb., 28; Earl Stone, Omaha, Neb., 28; Carl McGraw, Tekamah, Neb., 28; Kenneth Butterfield, Council Bluffs, 21; Tracy Padden, Fremont, Neb., 21; Philip Hill, Grand Island, Neb., 19; V. J. Jackson, Central City, Neb., 25; Lila Conner, Beatrice, Neb., 25; Hayden Jackson, Madison, Neb., 25; Irene Lauer, Madison, Neb., 25; M. J. Tardus, Alliance, Neb., 25; Elizabeth Wilson, Alliance, Neb., 25.

## Howell in Fight on Cummins

Joins Senator Norris in Voting for La Follette to Head Interstate Commerce Body.

### Action Blocks Senate

Washington, Dec. 10.—Senator R. B. Howell of Nebraska was selected to fill one of four republican vacancies on the interstate commerce committee.

Senator Howell was one of the five republicans who voted for Senator La Follette, insurgent leader, as chairman of the commission, thus deadlocking the senate today and forcing the question over until tomorrow.

New chairman of senate committees were selected by the republicans as follows: Finance, Smoot, Utah; Judiciary, Brandegee, Connecticut; naval, Hale, Maine; mines, Oddie, Nevada; post-office, Sterling, South Dakota; public lands, Lenroot, Wisconsin; privileges and elections, Spencer, Missouri; territories, Johnson, California; patents, Ernst, Kentucky; Indian affairs, Harrell, Oklahoma; civil service, Stanfield, Oregon.

Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, the republican leader, retained the chairmanship of the foreign relations committee and Senator Lenroot, Wisconsin, Ohio and Pepper, Pennsylvania, were appointed to fill the three vacancies. Senator Shipstead, farmer-labor, Minnesota, was given a place on the committee, and the democrat vacancies were filled by Robinson, Arkansas; Underwood, Alabama, Walsh, Montana and Owen, Oklahoma.

Four new republicans were placed on the finance committee they are, Reed, Pennsylvania, Elkins, West Virginia, McCormick, Illinois, Ernst, Kentucky and Stanfield, Oregon. The two new democrats are Harrison of Mississippi and King, Utah.

Senator Cummins of Iowa, president pro tem of the senate, remains as chairman of the interstate commerce committee, with Senator La Follette of Wisconsin, recognized leader of the republican insurgents, as the ranking member. The four republican vacancies on this committee were filled by the appointment of Gooding, Idaho; Cozzens, Michigan; Esser, Ohio, and Howell, Nebraska. The five democrats on this committee are Pittman, Nevada; Bruce, Maryland; Dill, Washington; Wheeler, Montana, and Mayfield, Texas.

Senator Johnson, farmer-labor, of Minnesota was given an extra place created on the agricultural committee, of which Senator Norris of Nebraska is chairman. Senator Johnson also was appointed to the claims, inter-oceanic canal and manufactures committee. Besides foreign relations, Senator Shipstead was placed on patents, pensions and public buildings.

## Bridge Nears Completion.

Alma, Neb., Dec. 10.—The new river bridge, being built at a cost of \$35,000, will be completed by the middle of the week and ready for use. The old bridge was washed out during the high waters and floods last May.

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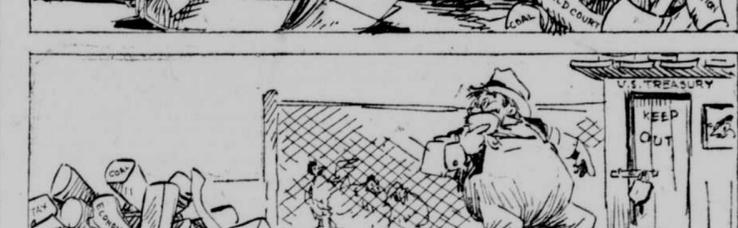
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## NEBRASKA NEWS NUBBINS

COLUMBUS—The Business Women's club will present an English play, "Wappin' Wharf," at the North opera house, December 12 and 13.

BREWSTER—George Ellinspahr shipped nine dressed turkeys, weight 132 pounds, to the Philadelphia Thanksgiving market. Turkeys were quoted at 69 cents a pound in Philadelphia the day the shipment was made, but Ellinspahr noticed that the market collapsed before his birds got there.

GRAND ISLAND—Mrs. Jennie Boyle sued Dan Bushhausen for \$25,000 damages alleged to have resulted from liquor supplied by Bushhausen to plaintiff's husband. The defendant settled for \$1,000 and the case was dismissed.

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## Troops Are Massed at Tampico

Federal Soldiers Being Reinforced in Vera Cruz and Present Front Near La Barca.

### Quiet Reigns on Border

By Universal Service. Mexico City, Dec. 10.—With actual fighting taking place "on the front" in the vicinity of La Barca, where the advanced lines of Gen. Enrique Estrada are stationed and where numerous volleys were exchanged yesterday between federal troops and the rebels, large reinforcements for the national forces are being hurried in that direction.

Both President Obregon and Secretary of War Francisco Serrano conferred throughout the night with General Amaro, military commander of the troops at Nuevo Leon. After the conference General Amaro was appointed commander-in-chief of all the forces to be sent against the rebels under General Estrada, who is declared responsible for the whole state of Jalisco being in open rebellion against the central government.

General Amaro will be assisted by columns headed by Gen. Lazaro Cardenas and Gen. Luis Guiterrez, who now form the vanguard of General Amaro's army.

With the revolution spreading to several garrisons in the great Tampico oil fields, the leaders of the revolt, under the Sanchez De la Huerta banner, are now hopeful of gaining complete control of the vast petroleum belt before the federal forces and mobilize effectively to overpower the rebel movement.

## Souder Jury Is Completed: Trial Opens

Police Data in Courthouse Arson Case Presented by Attorneys for State.

North Platte, Neb., Dec. 10.—Trial of S. M. Souder, former Lincoln county treasurer, charged with arson in connection with the burning of the courthouse here and destruction of records, got well under way this afternoon with the completion of a jury and the opening statements of Attorney George N. Gibbs for the state.

The entire jury was obtained from outside North Platte and is composed as follows: L. C. Mitchell, Stapleton; Earl Ford, Wallace; Spense Wood, Wallace; Fred Swanson, Lincoln county; G. Gutherless, Lincoln county; John Witt, Lincoln county; Frank O. Donald, Sutherland; J. H. Howe, Wallace; A. R. Leavitt, Elgin; Bert McGregor, Sutherland; Harry Kuster, Wellfleet; and J. N. Barnhart, Somerset.

Depletion of the regular panel Saturday afternoon, when court recessed over the week-end, necessitated calling of additional takers this morning. Three were selected from among those taken up the jury.

In his two-hour speech to the jury in opening the prosecution, Attorney Gibbs charged Souder with firing the Lincoln county courthouse the night of Sunday, April 29, or the following morning.

He told of the finding of missing records in the office of the county treasurer the morning of the fire by Roy Wilson, chief of police; related the discovery of only a tin box in the time safe in the county vault, and declared the box contained but 16 cents and two warrants.

Gibbs said the tax receipts of the date of April 27 were found in the room in the judge of the district court several days after the fire.

Records missing from the office of Souder, according to Gibbs' statement, the jury were two 122 tax lists, one town lot real estate book, two personal tax lists books and two personal tax lists, all of the year 1922; one city personal tax book of 1920, school ledger, general ledger, voucher or warrant record, road ledger, daily balance book, cash book, tax sale registers, bank ledger and warrants, checks and counter books, all of which were dug from the debris by the auditors of Ernst and Ernst later.

He said a total of 18 other books are missing, besides \$60,000 in securities, most of which were certificates of deposit, all of which had been destroyed except one which the banks would still cash.

## The Weather

For 24 hours ending 7 p. m., December 10.

Highest, 37; lowest, 27; mean, 32; normal, 28. Total excess since January 1, 1923, 10. Relative humidity, percentage: 7 a. m., 81; 9 a. m., 80; 10 a. m., 79; 11 a. m., 78; 12 noon, 77; 1 p. m., 76; 2 p. m., 75; 3 p. m., 74; 4 p. m., 73; 5 p. m., 72; 6 p. m., 71; 7 p. m., 70; 8 p. m., 69; 9 p. m., 68; 10 p. m., 67; 11 p. m., 66; mean, 74.

Hourly Temperatures:

7 a. m.	34
8 a. m.	35
9 a. m.	36
10 a. m.	37
11 a. m.	38
12 noon	39
1 p. m.	40
2 p. m.	41
3 p. m.	42
4 p. m.	43
5 p. m.	44
6 p. m.	45
7 p. m.	46
8 p. m.	47
9 p. m.	48
10 p. m.	49
11 p. m.	50
12 noon	51

## Double Barreled Fiction

Another Serial Novel Starts Today No, the "Pelham Case" is not ended, but The Omaha Bee is now giving its readers two stories at once.

## Stella Dallas

By Olive Higgin Prouty

The story of a marriage between a man of education and breeding and a woman untutored in the fine points of good taste, crude and intellectually unscrupulous, but generous at heart. Can such a marriage succeed? What is its effect not only upon Stephen and Stella Dallas, but upon their strange, beautiful child, Laurel?

There is a Stella Dallas in every community. She is a part of every city, town and village where there is a Main street and social barriers. How often are these women misjudged? How many are wrongly condemned?

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