

THE OMAHA MORNING BEE

CITY

DEMANDS RETURN OF RUM

U.S. Is Asked to Turn Back Ship, Cargo

Requisition Accompanies Request to Release from Bail Nine Canadian and British Sailors.

Case May Go to Court.

New York, Jan. 4.—Great Britain's request that the United States release from bail nine Canadian and British sailors of the rum ship Tomoka, commanded by William (Rummy) Bill McCoy, was accompanied by a demand that the Tomoka and its 200 cases of cargo, impounded here, be turned back to the owners, Thomas H. Polder, counsel for McCoy, disclosed today.

Failure of the British to make such demands earlier, said Polder, were based on that government's doubt that the Tomoka, as alleged, was owned and registered in Canada. British consular and embassy officials had not at any time considered condoning the seizure because it took place within the proposed 12-mile limit, said Polder.

Recommended that prisoners, liquor and ship be released after having satisfied themselves that the Tomoka had been sold by McCoy last May to the Ocean Trading company of Halifax, said Polder.

Registry Not Bonafide, Relief.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Officials here have had some doubt whether the British registry of the rum runner Tomoka was bonafide, and they have made an extensive investigation into the subject with results that they are not yet ready to reveal.

The Tomoka had been wanted for weeks before it was taken into custody by revenue cutters, and treasury officials believe there is ample evidence it was violating the American prohibition laws. Whether that fact justifies its seizure at a time when it was outside the three-mile limit, however, is a question which the courts eventually may have to decide.

Some legal authorities, examining the case believe it is parallel to that growing out of seizures by the British government in 1917 of the American ship Genesee Hoeking and Kanikook. These three vessels were operated by the American Transatlantic company and were engaged when seized in carrying food shipments from the United States to Scandinavian countries. Their case was placed before British prize courts where it was charged, though the ships normally were American owned, German capitalists actually were financing their operation.

At the Department of Justice the British request appears to be regarded as merely such a move as any government would make when its nationals were involved in such a case. Treasury officials also seem content ample basis for the seizure is shown in reports of customs and prohibition enforcement agents.

Gottlob Launer of Columbus Succumbs

Columbus, Neb., Jan. 4.—Gottlob Launer, 69, for 22 years a resident of Columbus, died at the Mayo hospital in Rochester, Minn.

Mr. Launer, who was a mason and contractor, was born in Germany and came to this country when 16, locating in Fremont where he was married in 1872.

Mr. Launer is survived by his wife and two sons, Edward Launer and George Launer, both of Columbus and two brothers, John and Fred Launer of Fremont, and two sisters, Mrs. John Houser and Mrs. John Swickley of Fremont. Burial will be made in Fremont following services here.

Former Red Cloud Resident Succumbs in Wynona

Wynona, Neb., Jan. 4.—Mrs. Louisa Allen, 67, resident of Wynona for four years, mother of Mrs. Ralph Gourley of Wynona, died at the home here this morning. The body will be taken to Red Cloud, the old home where burial will be beside the grave of the husband Saturday afternoon.

Besides the daughter here, she is survived by a son, Howard Allen of Alliance, and a daughter, Mrs. Stella McDonald of Council Bluffs, and a niece, Mrs. George Hines of Wynona.

Odell Farmers to Stage Big Wolf Drive Sunday

Beatrice, Neb., Jan. 4.—Farmers of Odell have arranged for a big wolf drive Sunday in which several hundred are expected to participate. The roundup will be at Prairie View school. The lines will start promptly at 1:30 o'clock. Rifles are barred.

Crippled Rooster Is "Exhibit A" in Theft Trial at Beatrice

Beatrice, Neb., Jan. 4.—Charged with stealing 37 chickens from Charles Malchow, Ellis farmer, Herbert Ballard of this city was bound over to district court this evening. He was released on \$500 bond.

Among the flock was a rooster with a crooked leg which Malchow says he found in Ballard's pens and which figured conspicuously at the trial being marked "Exhibit A."

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Magnus Johnson Loses Milking Contest



Magnus Johnson, "dirt farmer" senator from Minnesota, cast aspersions upon the farming ability of Secretary of Agriculture Wallace and it cost him dearly. Mr. Wallace challenged Senator Johnson to a milking contest, and two of the heaviest milk producers at the Soldiers' home in Washington were provided by General Tasker Bliss, retired, commander of the home, who is shown standing, refereeing the contest. Mr. Wallace won by a half pint in five minutes, old-fashioned dry hand. Unsatisfied, Senator Johnson has challenged Mr. Wallace to a bucksaw contest. Mr. Wallace is at the extreme left and Mr. Johnson at the right.

Divorced Pair Take Vow Again for Baby's Sake

Lincoln, Jan. 4.—Two judges co-operate and after 11 months happy couple is reunited at crib of baby son. The O'Briens are united again. They are bending over the crib of their tiny baby son. For the first time in 11 months. Their remarriage Thursday was through the efforts of District Judge Day and County Judge Bryce Crawford. For the sake of the baby they were starting out anew. Mr. O'Brien, whose first name is John, and Mrs. O'Brien, whose first name is Mabel, went to the courthouse. They hesitated at the entrance of Judge Day's court room. "It is so hard to face the judge who divorced us," murmured Mrs. O'Brien. But they went in. "We want to get the divorce set aside," O'Brien told Judge Day. "We have always loved each other, despite our quarrels, and we also love our baby."

Sheriffs Rap Bryan for Ousting Cass Official

Lincoln, Jan. 4.—County sheriffs in season here today criticized Governor Bryan for removing C. D. Quinton, sheriff of Cass county, because of a number of persons had a grudge against Quinton. It was understood that some action might be taken by the meeting of the sheriffs regarding the ousting of the Cass county sheriff after he had been indicted by the grand jury. Quinton and his attorney, A. L. Todd, who are attending the meeting, declared they had some "strong evidence" to present before the meeting of law enforcement officers. This, they said, was in the form of information showing that a large number of the persons who testified against Quinton before the grand jury had been arrested by the sheriff previously and convicted on liquor violations. Sheriff Quinton declared that when the ousting law was in the process of legislation, the sheriffs objected to it, because "it gave the sheriff no possible chance of defending himself. Any one can bring a charge against an officer and have him removed if the case appears strong enough."

Independent Oil Head Wagers \$500 on Bryan Charge

Lincoln, Jan. 4.—L. L. Corryell of Lincoln, president of the Nebraska Independent Oil Men's association, today posted a forfeit of \$500, to go to the Lincoln Methodist hospital in event Governor Bryan could prove that there is a price understanding between the Standard Oil company and independent dealers. Corryell's action was inspired by a recent statement of the governor in which he said that the general rise in the price of gasoline clearly showed collusion between the Standard and independent dealers, and was sufficient evidence for Attorney General Spillman to prosecute dealers for conspiracy in restraint of trade. "The only notice the independent oil dealer gets of price advancing is when he sees the price on the board in front of the Standard Oil service station," Corryell writes.

Special Bank Levy Totals \$652,328.69

Lincoln, Jan. 4.—The special assessment for the grant fund levied January 1 and necessary to bring the fund to the amount required by law totals \$652,328.69. K. C. Knudsen, deputy secretary of the department of trade and commerce, announced today. The special assessment is in addition to the regular levy of one-twentieth of 1 per cent on deposits. The guaranty fund, including the special and regular assessments, now totals \$2,581,880.05, Knudsen said, and the total average deposits over the last six months for all state banks amounts to \$240,861,405.37.

The Day in Washington

Pilots and alternates for the around-the-world flight were announced by the War department. James C. Davis, director-general of railroads, announced the settlement of all claims arising from wartime railroad control. President Coolidge, it was said, would elevate one of the present commissioners to the chairmanship of the shipping board. Secretary Weeks announced the sale of 5,000 rifles, 5,000 rounds of ammunition and eight airplanes to the Obregon government of Mexico. Harry F. Sinclair gave the additional public lands committee substantial details of the financing arrangements for operation of naval oil reserves leased to his enterprises.

Nabbed in Bogus Coin Mint Here

U. S. to file charges against pair accused of passing over \$1,000 in counterfeit money. Waiter is also held. Material for a real counterfeit "thriller" was obtained in connection with the arrest yesterday of Harry Diuguid, known as Kentucky, and Tom McCarthy. The men, arrested in a room on the third floor of a rooming house at 714 South Sixteenth street, are said to have passed more than 1,000 bogus silver dollars and half dollars in Omaha and Council Bluffs within the past month. Detectives Andrew Trapp and George Summitt made the capture, acting on a "tip" from federal secret service agents.

U. S. to Press Charges

D. W. Dickinson, federal secret service agent in Omaha, said last night that he would file a complaint with the federal commissioner today against the two men. Indictments against Diuguid and McCarthy, however, cannot be brought until the calling of the next grand jury. Tom McCarthy admitted to police that he is a son of Vic McCarthy, who has been the leader of the old gang and a nephew of John and Ed McCarthy, other members.

Molds in Room

In the room where the two men were arrested were found some plaster of Paris molds in which the bogus dollars and half dollars were cast, some of the completed product and a quantity of silverware, said to have been stolen by McCarthy in various burglaries. In Diuguid's grip were found several letters addressed to him at Hopkinsville, Ky., where police believe he formerly lived.

Knew It Was "Phony"

"When I went into it, I knew the money was phony," Diuguid said at central station. "Well, then, you're guilty," objected a lawyer standing near by. "Guilty? Of course I'm guilty. I'm going to tell the truth about it. That's the best way."

California "Gas" Doubled

Los Angeles, Jan. 4.—Gasoline production in California during 1923 increased approximately 100 per cent over that of 1922, according to figures compiled by V. W. Killick, statistician for the Independent Petroleum Marketers' association. The statistician estimates the 1923 gasoline production at 1,280,000,000 gallons.

Boyd County Taxpayers Irb Bryan's Humor in Fr

Burdened by Expense of Prosecution of Resident Cases, Citizens Say Governor Should Have Consulted Them Before Acting on Paroles of Minnow Robbers. O'Neill, Neb., Jan. 4.—Court and county officials and taxpayers of Boyd county are angry and disgusted with Governor Charles Bryan and the state board of pardons and paroles for turning Charles Anderson, alias Charles Sapp, out of the penitentiary December 31.

Plead to Jail Breaking

Since then there have been other criminal actions to keep the county in debt, and for this reason why Charles Sapp and Ed Brandt, being held in jail awaiting trial for robbing the store of P. L. Bates of Monowi, December 17, 1921, broke jail and later were recaptured. It was decided in the interest of economy to sentence them to the penitentiary on their plea guilty to jail breaking, instead of further impoverishing the county with an expensive trial on the original charge.

Fair and Colder Predicted Today

"Fair and colder Saturday" was predicted by the official weather forecaster last night as the mercury hit the lowest mark of the last three years at 14 below zero at 8. During the afternoon, "sun dogs" appeared low in the western sky. They are caused by the refraction of the sun's rays from ice crystals in the clouds. Their appearance shows the unusual cold.

Burlington Cuts Down Working Week 8 Hours

Lincoln, Jan. 4.—Working hours of employees of the Burlington shops and roundhouses, excepting passenger coaches, about 8 hours, according to Arthur R. Mulren, Ill., will be cut from 48 hours to 40 hours starting the first of next week. T. Roope, superintendent of motive power, announced today.

James Burns, 65, Dies

James Burns, 65, died Friday morning at his home, 1321 South Twenty-fifth street, of paralysis after an illness of several months. He was a live stock commission man and lived in Omaha for 35 years. He is survived by his wife and his son, Frank. The funeral will be held Monday morning at his late home and in St. Ann's church. The body will be taken to Harvard, Neb.

Greer Loses Bravado Air in Court

Mabel Normand's chauffeur in sullen mood when Arraigned on Charge of Attempt to Kill Crowd Packs Courtroom. By Universal Service. Los Angeles, Jan. 4.—Is Courtland S. Dines, "playmate" of Mabel Normand and who is fighting for his life from bullet wounds and pneumonia, receiving attention from a mystery spy in the service of Homer A. Greer, chauffeur knight errant of the cinema star and who is held here for the shooting of Dines?

Courtroom Is Crowded

A crowd numbering hundreds, including both men and women, stormed the small courtroom of Justice of the Peace Hanby today when Greer was arraigned on the charge of attempting to murder Dines.

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Brother of Omahan Heads Chamber at Falls City

Falls City, Neb., Jan. 4.—John C. Mullen, attorney, was re-elected president of the chamber of commerce. He is a brother of Arthur P. Mullen of Omaha. Jean E. Cain, attorney, active in state American Legion work, was named vice president.

End of Milk Strike Seen

Chicago, Jan. 4.—Milk producers in the Chicago area, who have gone on strike by refusing to supply large distributors because the dealers will not pay the price demanded by the farmers, tonight agreed to submit their case to a board of arbitration.

Prominent Dead

St. Louis—Marcus E. Sperry, 39, editor of a humor journal, died. Milwaukee, Wis.—John F. Cramer, 82, veteran publisher and for several years vice president of the Western Newspaper Union, is dead. He was a former officer of the Evening Wisconsin company.