Shooting of Sen. Greene Stirs Capital

Solon Walking Along Street Runs Into Gun Battle Between U. S. Agent and Bootleggers.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 16.—The prohibition situation in Washington, for months a center of criticism and controversy, has culminated in the shooting down of a United States senator almost within the shadow of the capitol.

As a result, the whole muddle of conflicting opinions, charges, explanations, denials and counter charges that have characterized efforts to enforce the prohibition laws here seems likely to have a thorough airing in congress.

Senator Frank L. Greene of Vermont was shot in the head last night as a car containing prohibition agents whirled out of an alley into Pennsylvania avenue in pursuit of another automobile suspected of carrying bootleggers.

After an X-ray examination, physicians announced that the bullet which hit Senator Greene had not remained in his head.

The discovery was regarded as extremely encouraging and those in attendance said they expected him to recover.

The senator was walking with his wife when the shooting occurred, less than three blocks from the capitol building. He was hit just over the left eye by a bullet fired from one of the automobiles—apparently by a prohibition agent who was using his revolver freely in an effort to compel the pursued machine to come to a halt. A prohibition agent is under arrest but no formal charges have been placed against him.

Endangered by Gun Fights.

The incident was not the first in which the lives of those on the streets here have been endangered by pistol battles with bootleggers. Mad chases through the center of the city have been numerous.

The whole question has been complicated by a three-cornered row joined in by agents of the prohibition unit, officers of the intelligence division of the Treasury department and the city police. Recently police and prohibition officials engaged in a legal battle in which serious charges were made against members of both forces and several on both sides were suspended. Three deputy United States marshals now are held under bond on charges of conspiracy to violate the prohibition laws.

Charges of liquor buying by high officials and ordinary citizens alike have been on the increase. Not long ago it was announced that a list of hundreds of names of prominent bootleg customers had been seized in a police raid, but the superiors of those who made the raid so successfully shifted responsibility for the list backward and forward that the names themselves finally disappeared entirely from public attention.

Butt of Many Quips.

There have been repeated demands in congress for an investigation; grotesque picturizations of Washington floating in a sea of rum have been published widely and the capital has been the butt of many quips and much ridicule, some of it wholly based on exaggerations; but every move for a public inquiry into conditions has for one reason or another fallen short of the mark.

Today it was apparent, however, that the shooting of Senator Greene had deeply stirred those in official positions. Many of his colleagues in the senate and his old friends in the house, where he served for 10 years, said they were ready to demand that something be done.

No Liquor in Car.

It was not entirely clear whether blame ever could technically be placed where it belongs. Those who were passing along the street at the time had only a fleeting glimpse of flying automobiles and flashing fire of pistols, and those who took part in the battle told conflicting stories. Two men who were in the car under pursuit said when they subsequently were captured that they had not fired at all, but their story was contradicted by their pursuers.

There was no liquor in the supposed bootlegger car when it was overhauled.

Prohibition agents said the occupants of the car were unloading a still. The two men arrested said they had gone into the alley to get "a copper kettle."

Omaha Has Fast-Developing Art Colony

Omaha is fast developing an art colony of its own.

In the photograph is one of its charming by-products, Martha Cunningham, 5850 Florence boulevard, who has turned artists' model, and sits for two hours without talking before a class of students one evening each week.

The class meets at the Y. M. C. A., and is under the direction of August Dunbier.

Miss Cunningham's regular features and bobbed hair lend themselves readily to the model business, according to Dunbier. In addition to posing for class work, Miss Cunningham has sat for hours at a time for portrait work.

Incidentally, the work of the class is bearing fruit. Witness Edward McCown, 13, son of Mrs. Edna McCown, 3015 Sherman avenue, who is exhibiting unmistakable signs of talent, according to his instructor.

In spite of his tender age, Edward has studied sketchings for two years, and has turned out some creditable work. He attends all the art exhibitions in Omaha, and hopes to become a great artist by the time he attains the age of the majority of his classmates.

A. C. Leflang Takes Widow as Third Mate

Latest Matrimonial Venture Just Confirmed in Omaha; First Wife Moves to California.

Arthur C. Leflang, former Omaha capitalist, is married again.

Leflang, who has weathered two matrimonial shipwrecks and a $100,000 alimony hurricane, cast off on his third marital voyage in Chicago last August, it has just been learned.

This in spite of the fact that during the divorce suit brought by his second wife he denied that he intended to marry again.

The present Mrs. Leflang formerly was Mrs. Lena Osmer, a widow with two children. She lived in Chicago.

To California.

Mrs. Caroline Leflang, the first wife, who brought suit for divorce in Omaha, introduced the name of "Martha" in the testimony, which lasted eight days. This winter Mrs. Caroline Leflang and her son, Chester, 17, who have been living in Omaha, left to make their home in California. Mrs. Leflang said she wanted to get her son away from a "gay crowd" at Central High school.

Leflang's second wife, formerly Martha Balloy of Chicago, sued him for divorce three months after their marriage, alleging that her husband beat and kicked her and was insanely jealous.

Father in West.

Mr. Leflang's father, E. M. F. Leflang of Omaha, is spending the winter in California.

The Leflangs formerly lived in Lexington, Neb., where they occupied the finest home in town and were leaders of local society. Their business interests in stock and grain mills are retained.

Film Actress Weeps Real Tears in Court

Barbara La Marr.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 16.—Barbara La Marr, film actress, wept so steadily on the witness stand in the trial of Herman Roth, charged with attempting to extort money from Arthur H. Sawyer, Miss La Marr's manager, that court was adjourned to give the actress time to regain her composure.

House Votes to Recover Oil Land

Washington, Feb. 16.—Without debate the house adopted today the Walsh resolution directing the beginning of proceedings to recover sections 16 and 36, within naval oil reserve No. 1, in California, now operated by the Standard Oil Company of California.

The measure now goes to President Coolidge, who is directed by its terms to instruct special government counsel to prosecute the proceedings.

Steps to recover the two sections were taken late in the Wilson administration, but Albert B. Fall, as secretary of the interior, dismissed the proceedings on motion of counsel for the Standard Oil company.

The two sections, which are within the confines of reserve No. 1 but not a part of it, were ceded by the federal government to California upon statehood as school and nonmineral lands. Oil subsequently was found and the Standard Oil company began development of the fields under state grant.

Wins 1,000,000 Francs.

London, Feb. 16.—James Donoghue, son-in-law of the late F. W. Woolworth, 5 and 10-cent store magnate, won 1,000,000 francs in the baccarat rooms of the Casino at Cannes, according to a dispatch to the Daily Express.

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Russ Red Plot Bared in Japan

By Associated Press.

Tokio, Feb. 16.—Discovery of a well formulated plot to form a communist government in Japan, supported by Russian communists, has resulted in the indictment of 29 Japanese communists on a charge of plotting to form a secret party, according to the published announcement of the results of an examination conducted by the Tokio district court and details printed by vernacular newspapers here.

The official published announcement failed to furnish details of evidence against the prisoners.

The vernacular press asserts, however, that a plot has been disclosed which had already developed to the point where a premier and other prospective leaders had been selected for the government to be set up by the communists with the aid of Russian adherents. The plot was nipped in its formative stage, however.

Dairymen to Fight Duty Cut

Washington, Feb. 16.—All efforts to reduce tariff rates on dairy products and vegetable oils will be opposed and an attempt will be made to raise the status of the bureau of animal industry of the Department of Agriculture, by the new American Dairy federation, organization of which has just been completed.

The federation, it was announced today, will act as a national council representing large units and organizations in the industry.

More Trouble at Herrin Predicted

Marion, Ill., Feb. 16.—Citizens committees are continuing their efforts to restore orderly government in Williamson county, scene of a clash a week ago between Ku Klux Klan and anti-klan factions which resulted in military occupation.

Representatives of the cities and towns of the county are to meet here tonight to try and agree on a plan for rebuilding the civil law enforcement machinery.

Chicago, Feb. 16.—S. Glenn Young, Klux Klan head prohibition raider in Williamson county, predicts a recurrence of trouble there after the withdrawal of National Guard troops sent there as a result of a clash between klan and anti-klan factions. He says he is here to confer with government officials.

Little Hope for Bishop Stuntz

Howard Rushton of Omaha, who accompanied Mrs. Homer Stuntz to the bedside of the bishop, has sent word to Rev. C. C. Cissell of the Methodist area office that upon his arrival he found the bishop in a dangerous condition and that little hope for his recovery was expressed. No word was received in Omaha at noon Saturday on the condition of the bishop.

Carter Has Keys to Tut's Tomb, But Egyptians Bar His Entrance

By Associated Press.

London, Feb. 16.—The dispute between Howard Carter and Egyptian officials over conditions surrounding work in the tomb of Tut-Ankh-Amen has reached a deadlock, according to dispatches received here, and the peculiar position of the moment is that Carter holds the keys to the tomb but is not allowed to enter.

Mr. Carter, according to the Cairo correspondent of the Daily Mail, wrote to Premier Said Zagloul Pasha, threatening to take legal action against the government, to which the premier replied that Carter was free to take action but the government was determined that the appointed days for visiting the tomb be observed. He added

"I am sorry to have to remind you that the tomb is not your property. The science which you rightly invoke cannot conceive that owing to the incident over the visits whom you wished to favor, you and your colleagues will abandon your investigations, in which not only Egypt but the whole world is interested."

The Cairo correspondent of the Morning Post reports that the Egyptian cabinet decided that Mr. Carter's action in closing the tomb on his own initiative constituted infringement of contract and that the government consequently is free to continue the work itself if it wishes, a course to which the Egyptian press is strongly urging it. The correspondent says, however, that Carter probably will be given the option of continuing the work, subject to certain definite conditions.

By Associated Press.

Luxor, Egypt, Feb. 16.—Regarding the difficulties between Howard Carter and the Egyptian government in connection with the tomb of Tut-Ankh-Amen, the Associated Press was officially informed today that the Egyptian government had decided to take energetic steps to fulfill what it considers are its obligations toward science and the public.

British Dock Workers Strike

London, Feb. 16.—One hundred and twenty thousand dock workers went on strike at noon today, tying up food shipments and disorganizing traffic out of the coast cities.

Representatives of the labor government met representatives of the strikers in a final effort to patch up the differences.

It was reported Premier Ramsay MacDonald might intervene personally.

This is the second strike the new labor government has had to deal with. The railway locomotive engineers were on strike when the present cabinet came into power.

Leaders of the strike claimed that within 24 hours all British ports would be tied up and maritime traffic would be at a standstill.

Representatives of the National Council of Port Labor employes met Minister of Labor Shaw this afternoon to discuss the differences.

Snow Sunday, Says Weather Man

Snow will fall in Omaha Sunday, according to Weatherman M. V. Robins.

A slight drop in temperature after the snowfall is the prediction. The weather bureau thermometer registered 29 above Saturday morning at 7 and had dropped to 27 at noon. The slight drizzle that fell Saturday morning made the pavements icy.

Rain fell Saturday morning in Des Moines, Kansas City and in southern Missouri. The coldest spot on the map was 16 below zero at Calgary, Canada.

Sister at Mercy Convent Dies

Sister Mary Fitzgerald, 75, of the Convent of Mercy died Friday She came to Omaha 46 years ago and taught at the old St. Catherine academy, Eighteenth and Cass streets. She was a sister Superior from 1886 to 1889 and supervised the building of the present convent at Fifteenth and Castelar streets. Funeral services will be held at 9 Monday morning in the convent. Burial will be in the Holy Sepulcher cemetery.

11 Thought Dead in Fire; Two Are Killed in Leap

Montpelier, Vt., Feb. 16.—Death toll of the fire which destroyed a four-story building was placed at 11 tonight, but only two of the nine bodies thought to be in the ruins had been recovered.

Walter Washburn and Mrs. J. F. Waterman were killed when they leaped from windows, missing the fire net spread to receive them.

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