

GRAFF TROOPS ON ACCUSERS

Graff Will Run Against C. W. Bryan

Bancroft Man Refuses to Be Shelled—Will Have Strong Backing in the Race for Governor.

Democratic Split Looms

By H. H. PETERS. Staff Correspondent The Omaha Bee. Lincoln, Feb. 21.—Charles Graff of Bancroft is about to deliver a rude blow to the much heralded harmony in Nebraska's democratic party.

This is learned from Graff himself. Two weeks ago, when rumors of his impending candidacy were in circulation, the former president of the state board of agriculture was emphatic in his denials that he would oppose Charles W. Bryan for the democratic nomination.

But he is a candidate now. And behind that candidacy is an interesting story of attempts made by the Bryan machine to eliminate Graff as a gubernatorial candidate.

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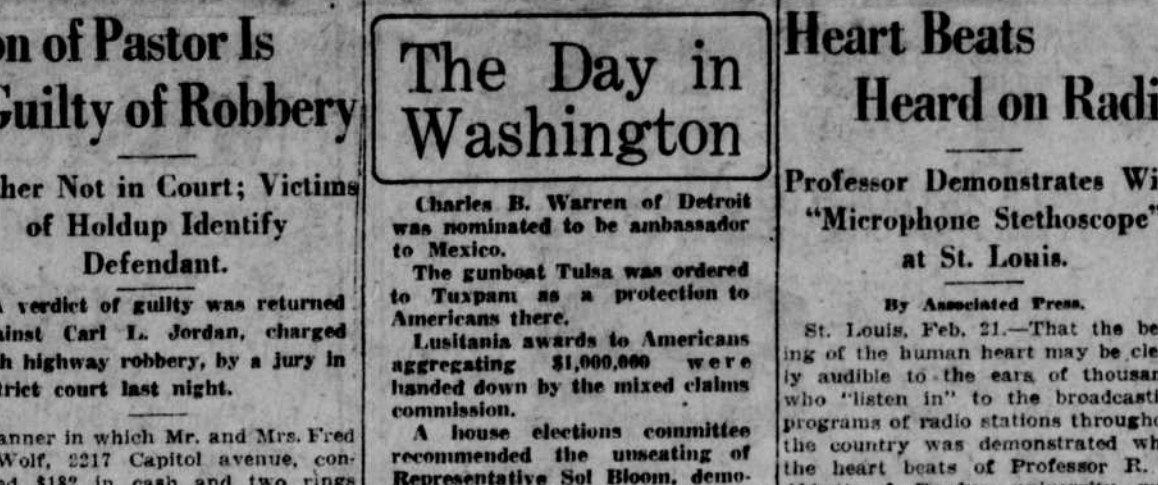
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No Wonder Coolidge Insists on the Mellon Plan



Charles E. Warren of Detroit was nominated to be ambassador to Mexico. The gunboat Tulsa was ordered to Tuxpan as a protection to Americans there. Lusitania awards to Americans aggregating \$1,000,000 were handed down by the mixed claims commission.

A house elections committee recommended the unseating of Representative Sol Bloom, democrat, New York. Congressional leaders began preparations for a complete investigation of Northern Pacific railroad land grants.

A house resolution appropriating \$100,000 for the oil lease cases was passed by the senate. Attorney General Daugherty in a letter to Senator Pepper, republican, Pennsylvania, vigorously assailed his critics.

It was revealed that the senate oil committee is investigating reports that Attorney General Daugherty had bought and sold Sinclair oil stock.

Rum Flow Into U. S. Is on Increase

Coast Guard Reports 158 Smuggling Vessels Operating—Heaviest Shipments From Scotland.

5 Per Cent Intercepted

Washington, Feb. 21.—Liquor smuggling has increased greatly in recent months and the rum fleets operating in water adjacent to American coasts have grown to a strength of 158 vessels, it was revealed today by the United States coast guard.

Contractors Hold Caucus to Fix Prices

Washington, Feb. 21.—Things are pretty tense and generally somber with us here at Washington, but once in a while there is a story that produces us with a smile.

Heart Beats Heard on Radio

St. Louis, Feb. 21.—That the beating of the human heart may be clearly audible to the ears of thousands who "listen in" to the broadcasting programs of radio stations throughout the country was demonstrated when the heart beats of Professor R. B. Abbott of Purdue university were broadcast last night by station KSD of St. Louis.

New Evidence Found; Welter Case Continued

County Attorney Beal stated that he would continue the case of William Ernest Welter, charged jointly with the slaying of Henry McArdle, because the state had uncovered new evidence.

Daugherty Makes Vehement Defense for Retention of Office

Washington, Feb. 21.—Attorney General Daugherty, in a letter today to Senator Pepper of Pennsylvania, declared his retirement, "voluntary of otherwise," would be a concession of the truth of all the "business charges" against him and that he never would be a party to such a proceeding.

"Please accept my thanks for your very kind note of yesterday. Your complimentary reference to my administration of the Department of Justice is at this time most highly appreciated.

Heney Is Sad Because He Is Without Doherty

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Grand Jury Paving Probe Is Plan of Koutsky

City Commissioner Joseph Koutsky believes there should be a grand jury investigation into the circumstances of a meeting of Omaha paving contractors in a hotel last Monday.

Ashton Woman Kills Herself With Razor

Loup City, Neb., Feb. 21.—Mrs. William Bell committed suicide at her home in Ashton, about 12 miles east of this place. She arose early and secured a razor from a trunk, and then slashed her throat, dying within a few minutes.

City of Beatrice Says Gas Firm Valuation Too High

Lincoln, Feb. 21.—The city of Beatrice today filed an answer to the equity suit brought in the federal district court by the Nebraska Gas and Electric company, in which it contends that the rates fixed by the Beatrice municipality are not confiscatory; that the company places too high a valuation on its Beatrice property—\$250,000, while \$110,000 would be more nearly correct; that the plant is inadequately and badly managed; and that costs are not equally distributed between gas and electric service.

Will Fight to Retain His Office

Attorney General Threatens to Stump Entire Country, if Necessary, to Obtain Justice.

Replies to Pepper's Note

Washington, Feb. 21.—Attorney General Daugherty turned on his assailants today with a threat to take to the country his fight to retain his place in the cabinet.

Woman Acquitted in Slaying Leaves Asylum

Hastings, Neb., Feb. 21.—Mrs. Clara Roberts, McCook, was released from Ingleside by Judge Dillworth in district court after he had word from Superintendent East of the institution that Mrs. Roberts was sound and normal mentally.

Omaha Models Raise Protest

"You can say what you please, but I think it's perfectly terrible, and totally unnecessary."

Nebraskan Gets Word of Death of Two Brothers

Beatrice, Neb., Feb. 21.—Grant Dodson, living near Virginia, Neb., received a telegram stating that his brother, Lish, was killed in an auto accident near Russellville, Tenn., and that another brother, Sam, had dropped dead of heart disease.

Platte Out of Banks

Fremont, Neb., Feb. 21.—The Platte river has overflowed its banks south of Fremont and the lowlands approaching the bridge are inundated.

The Weather

Table with weather data for Feb 24 hours ending 7 p. m. Feb 21. Includes temperature, precipitation, and wind.