

# OMAHAN SLAYS WIFE, KILLS HIMSELF

## Norbeck Bill Is Rejected in Senate

Despite Coolidge's Endorsement, \$50,000,000 Farm Relief Measure Defeated by 41-32 Vote.

### Only Make-Shift-Howell

Washington, March 13.—The senate, despite President Coolidge's endorsement, refused today, 41 to 32, to authorize the proposed loan of \$50,000,000 to farmers of the spring wheat belt to finance their start in the poultry, swine and livestock industries.

In disposing of the proposal, carried in the Norbeck-Burnetts bill as the first of several special farm relief measures, the senate divided along geographical rather than party lines. The result showed 23 democrats and 18 republicans opposing, and 20 republicans, 10 democrats and two farmer-labor members supporting the bill.

Leaders of the farm bloc insisted that the result of the vote for the Norbeck-Burnetts bill did not indicate the senate's sentiment toward remaining relief bills. Many opposing votes, they asserted, were based on the opinion expressed by Senator Glass, democrat, Virginia, and others, that it was "an attempt to put the United States treasury into the mercantile business," and further, on the objection that it was designed to assist a sharply limited area.

The McNary-Haugen bill, scheduled to be the next considered, was expected by the farm bloc to escape criticism raised against the loan bill. It proposes the creation of a \$200,000,000 corporation to purchase the domestic surplus of every staple farm product when it falls below a "ratio price" and to sell such surplus abroad.

The final vote on the Norbeck-Burnetts bill came after more than a week of continuous debate and attempts from both sides of the chamber to amend it in important details.

A committee amendment, sponsored by Senator Harrison, democrat, Mississippi, which added \$25,000,000 in loans to other crop sections, was the first to go. Today an amendment by Senator Byrum, republican, New Mexico, which would have added \$20,000,000 for loans to banks in distressed agricultural sections, was defeated without a record vote, as was also a substitute measure by Senator Howell, republican, Nebraska.

Howell Demands Relief. Senator Howell said he recognized that the Norbeck-Burnetts bill was "only a makeshift," but insisted the present emergency required prompt relief. Senator McDowell, republican, New York, asked if anyone considered it possible to organize a corps of government inspectors "which would be able to keep track of this livestock, scattered over five or six states."

"We recognize that difficulty," agreed Senator Howell, "and the senate is intended to throw every precaution around the government funds."

Senator Walsh, democrat, Montana, endeavored again to amend the bill so as to require the secretary of agriculture to make existing agencies to supervise the loan, but his motion lost, 34 to 35. As when first presented a vote was had on this proposal, but Senator Gooding, republican, Idaho, changed his ballot from affirmative to negative after the roll call.

The contention that there was an analogy between the Norbeck-Burnetts bill and the railroad aid carried in the Eech-Commins act was denied by Senator Glass and other democrats. Senator Glass stated he had drawn the democratic plank which pledged the party to modification of the transportation act, and believed the railroad aid was a "dividing line" in the interpretation of the act, but that the ground for their compensation was just.

We Have With Us Today. E. C. Bennett, Of Denver, Colo., Hotel man, Stopping at Hotel Fontenelle. Mr. Bennett was born in Jamestown, Pa., in 1877 and seven years later came west with his parents and settled on a townless prairie in western Nebraska, near what is now the town of Big Spring.

## Wholesale Graft Is Featured in Testimony at Daugherty Probe

Divorced Wife of Jesse Smith, Right-Hand Man of Attorney General, Who Killed Himself, Describes Various Deals Involving Bonded Whisky, Pardons and Fight Film Permits.

By Associated Press. Washington, March 13.—Whisky deals for pardons for a federal convict, deals to permit illegal showing of prize fight films, stock deals and various other alleged deals of a highly sensational nature featured today's testimony at the senate committee investigation of Attorney General Daugherty.

In a two-hour session replete with thunders, Miss Roxie Stinson, divorced wife of Jesse W. Smith, "bumpier and friend" of the attorney general, testified today that she had made \$100,000 through showing of the Carpentier-Dempsey prize fight pictures, which the attorney general would not prevent.

Miss Stinson followed that by relating a conversation between Smith and Joe Weber, the actor which related to getting a parole for Smith at brother-in-law, Mr. Solomon, at the conclusion of which Smith told her Weber "was awfully cheap," and "wanted a lot for nothing."

On another occasion, the divorced wife testified Smith turned up at Washington Courthouse, O., just from Washington, with 75 \$1,000 bills in a belt around his waist, but wouldn't tell her where he got the money.

Whisky, she said, she knew had been withdrawn from government warehouses on permit, soon after Mr. Daugherty took office as attorney general, but they soon stopped that, she said, because "they got afraid of it."

To Tell All. At a dramatic moment in her testimony the witness called to the attorney general's brother, M. S. Daugherty, sitting as a spectator in the hearing room, reminding him that she had told him she had determined to "tell all."

Miss Stinson's testimony today, as her preliminary testimony of yesterday, was replete with allegations of, and partial descriptions of, various deals in which she said Smith was associated with Daugherty, much of which could be proved, she said, by personal papers which are on their way here from Ohio.

Miss Stinson's testimony started with reference to "the little green house of K street. She said she was not familiar with Washington and would rather not answer questions about it.

"It is purely personal," she said, "it is absolutely of no consequence."

Farm Body Plans Wheat Regulation Organized by Townships, Promoters Would Parcel Out Amount Each to Raise.

Columbus, Neb., March 13.—A new "money saving" or "money making" movement for farm aid is being launched in the vicinity of Columbus. The new movement calls itself the "Farmers' Price Regulation association."

Oscar Holman, St. Paul, Minn., one of the representatives of the new organization, says the plan is to organize all the wheat producing farmers in the United States into an organization by townships, counties and states and then parcel out to each the amount of wheat he shall find it necessary to raise to keep from over-production.

## Man Slain; Residence Set on Fire

Body of U. P. Employee Discovered in Blazing House at Ogallala—Skull Crushed by Blow.

### Two Suspects Arrested

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Ogallala, Neb., March 13.—What authorities believe is the murder of John Jefferies, Union Pacific pumping house employe, was revealed this morning by a fire here.

Attempt to cover up the alleged crime by setting fire to the house in which the body lay, is indicated. Alex Swankusky and his brother-in-law, Frank Heramsey, are being held in connection with the slaying.

Fire was discovered at 5 this morning in a small house in the western part of town. The building had been almost demolished before the alarm was turned in.

When the blaze was extinguished, firemen found the body of Jefferies lying face down on the floor. The skull had been crushed in by a blow falling from above. A jug containing liquor was found on the floor nearby, according to officers.

Automobile tracks were trailed to the home of Alex-Swankusky by Fire Chief George Smithy and Night-watcher Art Braham. A hammer and a stove poker were found in Swankusky's pocket, according to the officers.

Swankusky, who was in bed, and Frank Heramsey, in whose home two gallons of liquor were found, were arrested and lodged in jail.

Coroner's inquest was still in progress at a late hour today. The hammer found in Swankusky's pocket was identified as one belonging to Jefferies.

Dying Statement Altered or False, Defense Claims

Girl Delirious at Time of Making Charge, Attorney for Dr. F. A. Edwards Tells the Jury.

"The dying statement read you as that of Lillian Holman is not hers, but that of John Yeager, deputy county attorney—"

These words, hurled at the jury by C. E. Southard, attorney for Dr. Frederick A. Edwards, closed the arguments of the day by attorneys for both Dr. Edwards and the state, in trial of the doctor on a charge of murder by illegal operation, in Judge C. O. Stauffer's court yesterday.

## Why More Good Men Don't Go Into Politics



## The Day in Washington

Federal Judge W. S. Kenyon declined appointment as secretary of the navy.

The house ways and means committee ordered the soldiers' bonus bill reported.

The ship liquor treaty with Great Britain, aimed at rum smuggling, was ratified by the senate.

Representative Sydney Anderson, republican, Minnesota, announced he would not seek re-election.

Secretary Mellon gave more testimony before the senate finance committee in regard to the tax bill.

The senate defeated the Norbeck-Burnetts bill designed to help farmers diversify their crops.

Former Senator Phelan, California, appeared before a senate committee and gave his views on Japanese immigration.

Internal revenue officials were summoned for questioning tomorrow in the senate's investigation of their bureau.

Prohibition officials said they had a clear case against the British steamer Orduna, seized yesterday at New York.

A federal grand jury began consideration of charges developed by a Chicago grand jury in regard to misuse of congressional influence.

The army board investigating military prisoners' conditions in its preliminary report it would recommend clemency in a considerable number of cases.

Consideration of the nomination of Samuel Knight to be oil counsel in the Standard Oil company of California cases was postponed indefinitely by the oil committee.

## Health Courses in School Urged

Program Means Dropping of Traditional Subjects, Teachers' Association Told.

Lincoln, March 13.—Addresses on school taxation and financial problems, and reports of officers were heard by the Nebraska State Teachers' association at the business meeting Thursday.

The speakers were: Superintendent R. W. Kretzinger of Franklin, C. Ray Gates of Grand Island and J. A. True of McCook.

A program of health education that really functions was urged by Mr. Gates. The speaker said that adoption of these aims means great changes in the traditional school.

"It means that we must eliminate from the curriculum everything which does not make a difference in the conduct of the pupil, even though that subject matter has been sanctioned by tradition. It means that we must include those items in the elementary school which constitute the facts of life as the masses live it, even though these facts have never been taught in school before."

"If we are to face squarely the problem of school revenues," Superintendent True told the convention, "we must first of all face the problem of a revised tax system."

Mr. True would abandon the personal property tax "because it does not tax a man according to his ability to pay and merely affords a screen behind which wealth is hidden from the assessor."

Minnesota Seed Potatoes Are Received at Kearney

Kearney, Neb., March 13.—The Platte Valley Potato Growers' association has received the first shipment of seed potatoes from Minnesota, two carloads.

The shipment is made up of Irish Cobbler and Early Ohio, the former selling at \$1.90 per bushel, the latter at \$1.85. The seed is said to be of exceptional quality this year.

It appears certain, at this time, that there will not be an increase in the potato acreage of the Kearney district. Last year about 2,600 acres were planted in this area, as compared to over 3,000 the previous season. A sharp break in the market, which carried some of the smaller growers under, resulted in a considerable reduction of acreage last year, bringing it about to normal.

The Weather. For 24 hours ending 7 p. m., March 13. Temperature. Highest, 38; lowest, 29; mean, 34; normal, 28. Total deficiency since January 11, 48.

## Customers Find Bodies in Bakery

Husband, Enraged Over His Wife's Divorce Suit, Shoots Mother of Three Through Heart.

### No Witnesses to Tragedy

Enraged because a petition for divorce filed against him, Edward Weaver, 35, shot and killed his wife and then shot himself in the head shortly before 2 yesterday afternoon. The shooting occurred at the Purdy bakery, 2114 Grand avenue, where Mrs. Weaver was employed as a clerk.

When A. Barnhart, 2569 Brown street, and J. T. Halsey, 2586 Ida street, entered the bakery a few minutes after the shooting to make a purchase, they found the two bodies lying on the floor in pools of blood. The body of Mrs. Weaver was behind the counter and that of Weaver was in the center of the room. The woman had been shot through the heart.

The revolver, a .35-caliber police positive, was on the floor by Weaver. Four of the cartridges had been exploded and two were still loaded.

Husband Furious. Weaver, according to Mrs. Peter Olson, cousin of Mrs. Weaver, had been furious when he learned of his wife two months ago. He had often declared, she said, that he would kill his wife if she attempted to obtain a divorce. A separation was all right, he had said, but he did not believe in divorce.

When nothing was done after the petition was filed Mrs. Weaver discredited the threats.

Mrs. Weaver called her cousin shortly after noon yesterday to say that Weaver had telephoned her and had asked for the address of her attorney. He said he wanted to pay her \$4000 as temporary alimony by the court.

She told him that she knew where the attorney was as well as she. Mrs. Olson said, "It was busy feeding the baby and asked her to call later. She said she would because there was a lot more to tell. The next I heard was that she was dead."

No Witnesses. It is believed that Weaver called to smoke sure that his wife was at the bakery, then went to the place and shot her. No one was in the place at the time.

Mrs. C. H. Pratt, 2418 Larimer avenue, also employed at the bakery, had seen Weaver hanging about and was alarmed. She told Mrs. Olson, but Mrs. Olson refused to accept her fears.

It was Mrs. Pratt who called police when she heard the shots in the bakery. The police did not arrive until the bodies had been discovered by customers.

The Weavers had been married for 10 years. They leave three small children, John, 2; Dorothy, 7; and Edwin, 2. The children are living at the home of Mrs. Olson.

Although the children were told of the death of their father and mother, they failed to grasp the significance and were playing in the yard at Mrs. Olson's a short time after the shooting.

The bodies were removed to the Stack funeral parlors, where they are to be held pending funeral arrangements.

## Fullerton Man Attempts Suicide

Death of Wife Leaving Him Seven Children Is Reason Given for Act.

Columbus, Neb., March 13.—The loss of his wife three weeks ago made John Yell, 40, Fullerton (Neb.) farmer, despondent enough to attempt to take his own life. Yell is in St. Mary's hospital in a critical condition after swallowing poison, while he lay in bed during the night at the home of Charles Kula.

The man was visiting in the Kula home according to Dr. L. C. Voss, the attending physician, and played cards with friends until he retired. Yell was found in his bed at 2 a. m. with pills in convulsions.

When Yell recovered consciousness, he admitted taking the poison. Dr. Voss believed Yell is depressed by the loss of his wife whose death occurred in St. Mary's hospital here about three weeks ago. Mrs. Yell left seven motherless children, the youngest of whom is about 6 weeks old.

Parish Rewards Pastor by Building Parsonage

Columbus, Neb., March 13.—Forty years of service in the ministry here on the part of the pastor, Rev. Herman Messler, will be recognized in a material way this spring by members of Immanuel German Missouri Synod Lutheran church through the erection of a new parsonage. It is to cost \$10,700 and work is to be begun immediately.

Preparations are now being made to move the present parsonage, which has been the home of Rev. Mr. Messler and his family since 1883, to the rear of the lot in order that the new residence may be erected on the site it occupies.