

# EX-OMAHAN KILLED AT CHICAGO

## Gas Price War Under Way Here

### Stations Cut to 17 Cents and Commissioner Hopkins Announces Reduction to 15.

### Elrod - Howell Follows

Despite an announcement by Commissioner John Hopkins that he would reply to a 17-cent gasoline price at filling stations by reducing the price at the city filling station to 15 cents a gallon, his station was still selling fuel for 17 cents last night.

The Elrod-Howell station, adjacent to the municipal station, was selling gasoline at 15 cents, however.

Hopkins' announcement followed a slash in prices throughout the city to 17 cents and was believed to be the forerunner of a "gas war," although big distributors indicate that they have reached their low mark.

Local officers of the various companies issued statements, either oral or written, to the effect that they would lose money selling the gas at 17 cents, basing this claim on the fact that while the municipal station has little overhead expense and furnishes no service to motorists, the privately owned filling stations have to deal with high overhead expenses, including taxes, and in addition that give motorists considerable extra service.

In reply to these claims Commissioner Hopkins said:

"We have no desire to put other filling stations out of business. We are proceeding on the theory that these filling stations can make a profit selling gas as low as 15 cents."

Only in Omaha.

A. B. Richardson, president of Standard Oil company of Nebraska explained that the price cut applied only in Omaha, and that it was made to meet a local emergency.

"Effective Tuesday our price on high test gasoline at all service stations in Omaha is 17 cents a gallon," said President Richardson. "Out only reason for making this price, at this time, is to meet existing competition, to protect our business and to protect our customers."

"We are in the oil business exclusively and have organized and operated our business so as to give all consumers of gasoline and oil the best service, at the most conveniently located points, at the lowest price consistent with so handling our business."

Hopkins claims victory.

"This company contemplates this situation with much concern, but we expect to continue as far as possible, in the future, as in the past, to give our patrons the best service at the lowest price as they can get from any legitimate competitor. We hope the present unusual conditions will only be temporary."

"The fact that this price reduction applies only to Omaha indicates a big victory for us," said Hopkins. "Priced at 15 cents a gallon, gas is selling about as it should."

To meet competition.

"We cut the price to meet competition," was the explanation of Stockton Heth, treasurer and manager of the Nicholas Oil corporation. "However, taking into consideration the overhead expense which is necessary to give the public real service such as air for tires, water for radiators, water for batteries, etc.—in addition to taxes and upkeep on conveniently located stations, managed by cautious, efficient men who render the auto owner prompt service, eliminating waste of time—gasoline marketed at this price will be at a loss."

"The Nicholas Oil corporation stands for constructive rather than destructive methods and is 100 per cent for a gallon Omaha."

"The oilmen's price on gas is about 10 cents a gallon today," said Hopkins. "I wouldn't want to contradict the officials of these companies, but with a good, sharp pencil, it can soon be ascertained that the filling stations can sell their gas at 15 cents, and not suffer a loss."

**We Have With Us Today**

Dr. Mary McDade, New York City, Resident Physician.

Dr. McDade was born in Michigan and reared there and graduated from the University of Michigan. Then she practiced medicine in Martin county, Minnesota, for 24 years. After that, from 1912 to 1918, she lived in Iowa.

## Kearns Approves Heavy Bout in Fall

Jack Kearns, manager of Jack Dempsey, yesterday stamped his approval on the proposed heavyweight bout scheduled to be held in the east next September. Kearns stated that if Tommy Gibbons beats Georges Carpentier in the bout to be held at Michigan City that the St. Paul battler would be the logical opponent for the champ in September.

Pittsburgh hammered three Giant pitchers for 17 hits yesterday, the Pirates winning the second straight game from the National league champions, 12 to 3. Eight of the Pirates' hits were for extra bases.

The federal grand jury which has been investigating transportation of the Dempsey-Carpentier films yesterday returned indictments against Tex Rickard and six other men.

Art Rasmussen had the better of Ed Baugh in a hurler's battle yesterday, with the result that the Solons trimmed the Buffaloes, 2 to 0, in the opening game of the series at Lincoln.

All the latest news in the world of sport will be found on pages 8 and 9.

## Howell Renews Attack on Farm Board Members

### Nebraska Senator Flays Appointment of Former Chairman—Asserts Books in Poor Shape.

Washington, May 20.—The fight against the nominations of members of the federal farm loan board by the late President Harding was renewed late today by Senator Howell, republican, Nebraska, this time on the floor of the senate, after the nominations had been favorably reported by the banking committee.

Entering a series of charges involving the conduct of the board and declaring the question had arisen as to whether the "senate could afford to put its stamp of approval on the methods" of administration adopted by the board, the Nebraska senator was met with the assertion by Senator Glass, democrat, Virginia, a member of the committee, that the nominations had been approved after a complete hearing.

The nominees—Lewis J. Pettijohn of Kansas, Elmer S. Landes of Ohio, Merton L. Cory of Nebraska and Edward E. Jones of Pennsylvania—were given recess appointment a year ago by President Harding and their names were sent to the senate last December by President Coolidge.

Violation charged.

Senator Howell charged there had been "a violation of a cardinal principle of public policy" which should be assessed against the board in the matter of the appointment of Charles E. Lobdell, its former chairman, to the post of fiscal agent, at a salary of \$25,000 per year. This action he declared was "unlawful procedure in the creation of a new official."

Other charges included:

"Looseness and gross misconduct of affairs in the board, indicating incompetence," and evidenced by the lack of books of account.

Senator Glass again declared the hearings had been closed only after Senator Howell had been asked if he "had any new questions to present."

"Books Merely Analyzed."

"The senator had gone," Senator Glass said. "If he will present them now, we will go further."

Answering Senator Dial, democrat, South Carolina, Senator Howell said there has as yet been no audit of the board's account books—merely an analysis of them.

"I am not making any charges of dishonesty," he added. "When I asked for a statement, the board sent one which would not balance. I sent it back and it took them two weeks to make it balance."

"But it did balance?" persisted Senator Dial.

"If you will accept the statement that we received so much and spent so much, of course it balanced."

**Medical Regiment Company to Be Formed at Columbus**

Columbus, Neb., May 20.—Steps to form a company in Columbus to become a part of the medical regiment of the National guard were taken by Maj. James F. Pressnell of the United States army. Major Pressnell says Nebraska has the only medical regiment of National guard in existence west of the Alleghenies. He has been detailed from Washington, D. C., to instruct the medical corps units in the National guard in the Seventh corps area, including Nebraska and three other states. Columbus will form a company of two officers and 53 men.

**Cotner Endowment Grows.**

Bethany, Neb., May 20.—The \$600,000 endowment fund of Cotner college here was increased to \$1,000,000 today, following the annual business meeting of the board of trustees. Dr. H. H. Harmon, national director of endowments for Christian colleges, came from Lexington, Ky., to meet with the board. Drive for the fund will start in September and will include Christian churches in Nebraska, Wyoming, South Dakota, eastern Kansas, eastern Colorado and eastern Iowa.

## Bond Fixed For Alleged Bribe Taker

### Thomas County Attorney Pleads "Not Guilty" to Charge of Soliciting Money.

### "I'm Ruined," He States

Ivan D. Evans, county attorney of Thomas county, charged with soliciting and accepting a \$10,000 bribe from E. V. Svoboda, cashier of the Security State bank, South Omaha, was released Tuesday afternoon on \$1,500 bond.

Evans entered a plea of not guilty when arraigned.

He was arrested at 6:30 Monday night in his room in the Harley hotel by Sheriff Endres and Deputy Sheriff Phillips, accompanied by County Attorney Beal and Deputy Gross.

Ten thousand dollars in marked \$100 bills was taken from him when he was arrested. Svoboda told County Attorney Beal Monday that Evans came from Theford and informed him he possessed papers, secured from the failed Theford State bank, which would incriminate Svoboda and his bank, and offered to quiet the case for \$10,000. Svoboda said.

Marked Bills Trap.

A trap was laid. Sheriff Endres was provided with a warrant. Svoboda obtained the money and the party went to the Harley hotel. Svoboda walked into Evans' room and laid the money. Then entered Phillips and said: "Where did you get that money?"

"I haven't any money," Evans is alleged to have replied.

"Stick up your hands," said Phillips. Evans refused.

Phillips drew his gun and repeated the demand. Evans complied.

The money was taken from his hip pocket. He was taken to the county jail.

W. E. Myers, official of another bank in Theford, was also taken to the county attorney's office but released. He said he and Evans came to Omaha to get a statement from the bank.

Has Wife and Baby.

Evans' voice trembled as he spoke in the county jail Tuesday. He is a tall, tanned, pleasant-faced man of 29 with a wife and a 17-month-old baby in Theford.

"It will be hard on your wife," someone said.

"Not as hard as it will be on father," he replied. His father is John T. Evans, a lawyer. They are together in the firm of Evans & Evans. Young Evans is in his second term as county attorney.

He asked County Attorney Beal to fix bond right after the arrest.

Bond at \$1,500.

"What bond would you fix on me if I were in your place in your county?" inquired Mr. Beal.

"You wouldn't be in my place," replied Evans. Then he added: "I might as well go through. I'm ruined. If I got a million years I couldn't be ruined any worse."

Bond was fixed at \$1,500. Beal offered to wire Mr. Evans.

"No, don't do that," said the young man. "I can't bear to do that."

Evans married Lucetta Norris, 19, of Theford, in Omaha March 22, 1922. He was a sergeant in the army and has been adjutant of the Theford American Legion. He attended Creighton law school.

## Looking for Author of Report That He Had Been Murdered

O'Neill, Neb., May 20.—J. S. Jackson, editor and publisher of the Inman Leader and postmaster at Inman, published in last Thursday's issue of the Leader a general denial of his death, an account of which had appeared in the Bonesteel (S. D.) Enterprise. Editor George H. Cross of the Bonesteel Enterprise, after the receipt of a letter from Editor Jackson denying that he is dead, last week retracted the death notice, but not the nice things said about the Inman editor in the obituary notice.

Mr. Jackson first heard of his reported death when a telegram was received at Inman from South Dakota friends inquiring how he was killed. Other messages continued in pour in from Bonesteel, where Mr. Jackson once was publisher of the Gregory County Pilot and also a member of the Bonesteel city council. Mr. Jackson got a copy of the Bonesteel Enterprise of May 1 and was horrified to find in it that his body had been found in a thicket of trees a few days before with the head crushed in and the throat cut. Also that he had received a considerable sum of money on the day of the tragedy and that his empty purse was found a short distance from his body.

The implied motive of robbery convinced Mr. Jackson that he had not been murdered and he immediately notified the Bonesteel editor to that effect. In reply he was informed that a letter saying that he had been murdered and signed Mrs. Jackson had been responsible for the story. Now Editor Jackson and Mrs. Jackson are hunting for the letter writer.

## Kilauea Volcano Blast Feared as Quakes Increase

### Crater Displaying Alarming Tendencies, According to Expert—Spectacular Explosion Hurls Up Smoke.

Hilo, T. H., May 20.—The volcano of Kilauea, which has been in eruption for several days, is today displaying most alarming indications owing to the large number of earthquakes that are rocking the district, according to Roy Finch, volcanologist, who is in charge of the observatory.

An explosion at 9 last night was most spectacular, bright moonlight silhouetting the black column of smoke rising to an invisible height.

There was a small explosion at 4:45 this morning.

The military camp has been moved to Glenwood, where a danger line has been established. Captain Perkins remaining at the volcano and the soldiers have volunteered to remain at the pit, which formerly was 2,500 feet in now 25 by 100, markings and monuments have been swept away.

## Charred Bodies of Wife and Baby Found; Man Heavily Wounded

### Bullet Wound Discovered in Woman's Back—Infant Beaten to Death With Blunt Instrument.

Independence, Kan., May 20.—County officers, called to the farm of Harley Eiter, about 10 miles west of here, early this morning, investigate the mysterious disappearance of the farmer's 18-year-old wife and babe, found their charred bodies in a blazing barn.

In a statement that examination of bodies disclosed a 20-30 bullet wound in the woman's back. The farmer owned a rifle of this caliber. The 2-year-old infant had been beaten to death with a blunt instrument.

Eiter is being held pending a coroner's inquest.

## METHODISTS KEEP BISHOPRICS INTACT

Springfield, Mass., May 20.—Resolving for the second time its former decision, the Methodist Episcopal general conference voted today to keep intact the number of bishops, and to elect five to fill vacancies created by death or retirement.

A recommendation of the episcopacy committee that Paris and Helena, Mont., be eliminated as Episcopal areas, was amended to restore those centers and was passed as amended with only a few dissenting votes.

Last Saturday the conference voted for five new bishops. It reconsidered yesterday and ordered the election of three. Today's action was regarded as final.

## Farmers to Co-Operate in Cheese Manufacture

Lincoln, Neb., May 20.—Fairview cooperative cheese factory in Scottsbluff county will be duly organized under the cooperative laws of the state on Thursday. The following officers have been elected: M. G. Willson, president; Ernest Johnson, secretary; Eben D. Warner, treasurer; L. R. Leonard, director.

This project was organized through the efforts of the Scottsbluff County Farm Bureau federation, of which L. R. Leonard is president and Phil Sheldon county agricultural agent. The Scottsbluff County Farm Bureau federation also organized the Co-operative Beet Growers' association, whose efforts brought about an increase of \$1 a ton in price of sugar beets.

## New Pastor Installed.

Columbus, Neb., May 20.—Rev. J. H. Kelsner, Hutchinson, Kan., was formally installed as pastor of Zion Lutheran church at Leigh, Neb., by Rev. A. Bergt of Schuyler, at special services. Mr. Kelsner succeeds Rev. E. Erich, who left three months ago to become student pastor for the denomination at Lincoln.

## Nebraskan Near Fight in Congress

### Colleagues Restrain Representative Howard From Attacking McLafferty, Accused of Insult.

### Walks From House Floor

By P. C. POWELL. Staff Correspondent The Omaha Bee.

Washington, May 20.—Two congressmen held Edgar Howard on the floor of the house today to keep him from hitting Congressman McLafferty of California, republican.

McLafferty, according to Howard, had passed insulting words to the Nebraskan.

The trouble started early when the house was following its usual custom of holding conferences before beginning the business of the day. Consideration of the McNary-Haugen arm relief bill was scheduled after the routine business.

"How about agriculture?" Howard asked the speaker several times. Finally, the Nebraskan arose and said: "Mr. Speaker, for the sake of agriculture, I make a point of order of a quorum."

A number of congressmen surrounded Howard immediately leaving him not to delay conclusion routine work. Among them was McLafferty.

Howard was obdurate. McLafferty asked away muttering in Howard's ear.

What's that? Howard shouted and walked through the aisle after the seating California.

Yields to "Gentleman."

Other congressmen grabbed the Nebraskan's coat (tail and collar) pulled his coat off.

Mr. Speaker, I yield my point of order to a gentleman," Howard yielded. "As for personalities, I'll look them here but will make no compromise as to what I shall do off the floor of the house."

Howard rearranged his ruffled appearance and walked from the floor. McLafferty remained in his seat.

## Missy Smashes Airplane; Quits Training of Machine in Landing Forces Frenchman to Abandon Flight.

By Associated Press. Indianapolis, May 20.—Capt. Pelletier, who arrived here yesterday from Paris, has announced the definite abandonment of his attempt, owing to the damage which his airplane sustained in landing.

In a statement Capt. Pelletier said: "The war department instructed me on leaving to proceed to the new base on the Chinese front to go as far as I could desire with this airplane. Since the airplane is demolished beyond repair, I have decided to terminate the undertaking."

## NURSES WIN FIGHT FOR BOBBED HAIR

Kansas City, Mo., May 20.—Using modern methods, nurses at the Re-search hospital here won a hair fight.

The hospital training committee, ruling it was unbecoming to the dignity of a nurse, had suspended 10 nurses for bobbing their hair.

Increased, 65 student nurses went on strike. A hurried session was called and the new hair cut of abbreviated locks in a dignified hospital was discussed, but the training committee failed to get a good verbal grip on the short hair.

All nurses, bobbed and otherwise, were back attending their patients today.

## Noted Pianist Gives Recital in Home Town

Fremont, Neb., May 20.—Jeanne Boyd, noted pianist and composer of Chicago, daughter of Mrs. A. F. Plambeck of Fremont, came back to her home town tonight. In company with Lois Johnston, soprano, the former Fremont girl, gave a recital under the auspices of Midland college lyceum course.

## Two Daughters Attend Baccalaureate at Same Church as Their Parents

Pawnee City, Neb., May 20.—On May 18, 1891, a boy and a girl were members of the graduating class of the Pawnee academy and attended the baccalaureate services held for the class at the United Presbyterian church. Later they married, and last Sunday night, again on May 18, two daughters of these graduates of 1891 were in attendance at the baccalaureate exercises held at the same church, as members of the senior class of the Pawnee City High school.

## Senators Take Up World Court With Coolidge

### Democratic Threat to Force Action on Question Discussed by G. O. P. Committeemen.

Washington, May 20.—Republican members of the senate foreign relations committee, faced with a democratic threat to force senate action on the world court question before adjournment of congress, gathered at the White House tonight to talk over the whole matter with President Coolidge.

The visit to the White House of the republican members, headed by Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, the committee chairman, and himself the author of a world court proposal, was preliminary to a meeting of the full committee tomorrow on the world court question.

This committee meeting was called by Chairman Lodge several days ago at the request of Senator Swanson of Virginia, ranking democratic member, who indicated in a public announcement that unless some action was taken he would move to discharge the committee, thereby bringing the world court question to the senate floor.

Senator Lodge, after calling the committee meeting, informed the president that republican members desired to consult with him as to the course of action to be pursued and tonight's conference accordingly was arranged. The meeting was presided by a lengthy conference between the president and Secretary Hughes.

Three world court plans are before the foreign relations committee and Senator Pepper of Pennsylvania, a republican member, was understood to have prepared for discussion at tonight's conference an outline of a compromise proposal on which he has been at work.

Investigators also entertain the theory that Burke may have been the victim of a robber, as his roomers paid their rent last night and when his body was discovered no money was found in the pockets.

## 1 DEAD, 2 HURT, IN AUTO CRASH

Des Moines, Ia., May 20.—James Hogg of Paulina, Ia., a student at Des Moines university, was killed when his car crashed into a building here early today.

Two men, stating they were classmates of the slain man, but refusing to give their names, arranged for his funeral. They said Burke attended Nebraska university in 1895, but had not graduated.

An inquest is to be held tomorrow morning at which the report of the chemist is to be adduced, the authorities said.

## Legislator Drops Dead.

Shenandoah, Ia., May 20.—J. D. Robertson, 40, of Boise, Idaho, dropped dead Sunday at his home. He is a brother of Mrs. J. D. Kerlin of Shenandoah. Mr. Robertson was a member of the state legislature. His widow and two children survive.

## Summary of The Day In Washington

Plans for a recess of the Daughters' committee were agreed upon. The cabinet considered steps for carrying out provisions of the soldier bonus act.

The senate in debate reviewed the charges against Senator Wheeler, democrat, Montana.

The house took up the McNary-Hauger farm aid bill with debate limited to 15 hours.

The resignation of Cyrus E. Woods as ambassador to Japan was accepted by President Coolidge.

The house shipping board committee heard testimony bearing upon the claim of the Atlantic Corporation of Portsmouth, N. H., charges of heavy campaign expenditures in Texas by the Ku Klux Klan were denied before the senate Mayfield investigation committee.

Chairman Butler of the house naval committee said \$150,000,000 was needed to make the American navy equal in strength to that of Great Britain.

Chairman Lodge and several members of the senate foreign relations committee conferred with President Coolidge preparatory to consideration of world court proposals.

## Mysterious Death Being Investigated

### J. R. Burks Beaten With a Hammer and Strangled—Roomers at House Questioned.

### Jealousy Theory Probed

Beatrice, Neb., May 20.—John R. Burks, Chicago rooming house proprietor, who was reported beaten and strangled to death today, was the son of James Burks, pioneer Beatrice business man and for a generation prominent in democratic political circles.

The son, while a resident of Omaha some years ago, attempted suicide by slashing his throat with the jagged edge of a broken bottle. He was 47, single and leaves a sister, Mrs. Harley, Lincoln, Neb.

By Universal Service. Chicago, May 20.—Upon the findings of a chemist making an analysis of reddish brown stains on the shirt of Harry Marks, authorities today pinned their hopes of solving the hammer slaying of J. R. Burks' wealthy real estate owner.

Burks, a former student at the University of Nebraska, was found in his room in his three-story apartment house which he had converted into a rooming house. His head had been crushed with a hammer and a lace curtain wound tightly about his throat.

Nine roomers in the Burks house, two of them women, were taken into custody for questioning.

Wife Tells of Quarrel.

Among them is the pretty wife of Marks, found suffering from a fresh bruise over her eye.

"My husband and I quarreled," Mrs. Marks said, "and Iburks came into our room and separated us. I tried to commit suicide by drinking iodine."

It was thus she explained the reddish brown spots on her husband's shirt. In the quarrel, she said, her husband struck her.

Mrs. Marks admitted her husband was jealous and had accused her of receiving attentions from other men, including Burks, authorities said.

## 'TRIPPERS' OUT IN TALL, TALL CORN

By WILL MAUPIN. Staff Correspondent The Omaha Bee.

Atlantic, Ia., May 20.—After the unusually pleasant entertainment at Creton, where the town folk exerted themselves to entertain the trade trippers, the conference between the president and Secretary Hughes.

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## JAP AMBASSADOR MAY RESIGN POST

Tokyo, May 20.—Ambassador Han-hara may be "permitted to resign" his Washington post shortly, Foreign Minister Matsui told newspaper men today.

The foreign minister's statement was made to a gathering of representatives of the Japanese press after today's cabinet meeting, at which he admitted the subject had been discussed. The statement was the result of insistent inquiries.

## Norris Demands Action.

Washington, May 20.—Senator Norris, republican, Nebraska, notified the senate today that he intended to bring his farm relief bill up even if it had to displace some measure now pending. His announcement was brought about by passage of a measure for congressional employees which he said should not have been considered ahead of agricultural legislation.

## The Weather

For 24 hours ending 7 P. M. May 20. Precipitation, inches: Wind, miles per hour: Total, since last January 1, 1913: Deficiency, inches.

Hourly Temperatures.	5 A. M.	10 A. M.	1 P. M.	5 P. M.	8 P. M.
5 A. M.	46	48	48	48	48
10 A. M.	48	48	48	48	48
1 P. M.	48	48	48	48	48
5 P. M.	48	48	48	48	48
8 P. M.	48	48	48	48	48