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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Don't feel sorry for yourself. Feel sorry for the folks who have to live with you.—Elbert Hubbard.

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"I Didn't Kiss Her! She Kissed Me!" Cries Norris in Pique

Blackmail Is Defense of Senator

Alabama Woman Creates Stir in Senate Agriculture Committee With Charge Nebraskan Stole Kiss.

Put Up Job, He Asserts

By International News Service.

Washington, May 24.—An angry quarrel between Senator Norris, republican of Nebraska, chairman of the senate agriculture committee and Mrs. E. A. Edmundson of Decatur, Ala., whom he accused of bringing blackmail plot against him because she testified he had kissed a girl at Muscle Shoals nearly broke up the committee's hearing today.

Hides Behind Chair

Norris arose from his chair and became so angry that Mrs. Edmundson left the witness chair and took up a position behind it.

"That story of yours is a falsehood," Norris shouted, his face made scarlet by the laughter of the other senators of the committee. "I know a blackmail plot when I see it. If you were not a woman this would not be the end of this."

"I didn't kiss that girl," Norris added, his words coming in a torrent that Mrs. Edmundson's protests could not dam. "She kissed me. Intimations were given to me that if I did not favor Henry Ford's bid for this Muscles Shoals some sort of a thing would be hung over my head. I guess this is it.

The incident which Mrs. Edmundson related occurred during an inspection visit made by Senator Norris and others.

Remember the Barbecue

"Do you remember that fine barbecue we had there, senator?" the witness asked. "I asked you if you might not favor the Ford offer. You said 'possibly.' You said 'if I could kiss one of these pretty girls, maybe I could be bribed.' Well, you did kiss one and you are against the Ford offer. It was a betrayal, senator."

The crimson that began to spread over Norris' face indicated the verbal tempest that was coming.

"Are you nearly finished?" he asked, with brittle patience. "You've exceeded your time now."

"Just a minute, senators——" Mrs. Edmundson began, but he interrupted:

"Only a Pleasantry."

"Mrs. Edmundson, you've exceeded your time now. Besides you've exceeded all the proprieties and told a falsehood as well."

Mrs. Edmundson had been introduced to the committee by a supporter of the Ford offer, Senator Heflin, democrat, of Alabama whose constituent she is.

Norris shoved his chair back and got up.

"Did Senator Heflin know in advance that you were going to come here and tell this story?" he shouted. "Was this fixed up in advance to browbeat me? Was it a put up job?"

Why, senator," said Mrs. Edmundson, "I intended it only as pleasantry. There was nothing put up. I didn't think it would hurt you so."

"It's a Holdup."

"It was fixed up in advance," Norris repeated. "It's a holdup. It's part of a scheme to blackmail me. I don't care who you are. If you weren't a woman this would not end here."

Mrs. Edmundson retreated to the end of the room, trying to placate Norris as she went. She took a seat among the witnesses. All the members of the committee tried to make light of the affair with laughter and jibes.

Mrs. Edmundson's previous testimony had irked Norris somewhat. She was free in her criticism of the committee and the attitude of the majority toward the Ford bid, which she said would mean the salvation of the farmers of the south.

"You're just sitting here and talking about helping the manufacturers of North Carolina," she said. "And leaving the rest of the south out of it. I'm a farmer. Not a side walk farmer, mind you, but one who lives on the ground."

Milder Discussion.

Previous to the argument with Norris, Mrs. Edmundson had one of a milder nature with Senator Magnus Johnson, farmer-labor of Minnesota. They engaged in a warm discussion of farming technicalties and Johnson said:

"I'm a farmer myself, you know."

"Are you really?" asked Mrs. Edmundson. She turned to the whole committee again and said:

"Unless you gentlemen do something, the farmer of the south is gone."

"Up where I live they're gone already," Johnson responded.

A Statement.

After the committee session ended, Senator McNary, republican, of Oregon, a friend of Norris and member of the committee, issued the following statement:

"The incident was unfortunate in that it can easily be misconstrued, and, whatever its purpose, it cannot do injury to Senator Norris, who as chairman of the committee on agriculture has given his time to a thorough and impartial study of the Muscle Shoals proposition. The recital of a foolish story by this woman was uncalled for and will be construed by some as an effort to coerce him. Senator Norris has exhibited remarkable fairness and patience at all times during the long hearing and his honest purpose cannot be challenged."

Church Woman Shakes Her Fist at Minister

In debate whether women should be ordained as preachers at Methodist conference, Springfield, Mass., Miss M. M. Southard shook fist at minister.

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Typewritten Note Clue to Slaying of Kidnaped Boy

Police Chief Told of Contemplated Suicide on Part of Man Who Committed Crime.

By International News Service.

Chicago, May 24.—Chicago police tonight were engaged in a determined search for a man who late yesterday afternoon mailed a typewritten card to Chief of Police Collins confessing that he murdered Robert Franks, 13-year-old boy, and declaring his intention to take his own life. The card, contained in a plain envelope, and bearing the postmark of a subpostal station, was received by the police chief late today. While not convinced wholly that the letter is genuine, police nevertheless were on a determined search for its author, for, it bore two characteristics peculiar to the letter received Thursday by the boy's father, Jacob Franks, in which ransom of $10,000 was demanded by kidnapers.

First the typewritten card evidently had been executed on the same portable typewriter on which the extortion letter was written. In the second place the word kidnaper was spelled in the same fashion in both letters—with two p's, as is the English custom.

Murder Victim Funeral Today

Services in Beatrice for Former Omaha Resident Slain in Chicago.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Beatrice, Neb., May 24.—Funeral services for James Burks, one-time resident of Beatrice and Omaha, who was murdered in Chicago the first of the week, will be held Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock from the Scott-Harman chapel, conducted by Rev. J. M. Darby. Burial will be in Evergreen Home cemetery beside his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Burks. Mrs. Hattie Harley of Lincoln, a sister, and Miss Ida Dozier, a half sister, will accompany the body to this city.

D. R. Smith, 12, old resident of Beatrice, died at a hospital here after a prolonged illness. He formerly operated a farm southwest of this city and later engaged in the meat business here. His wife and several children survive.

The case against Max Twombley and Richard Huntling, Beatrice young men who were arrested at Fairbury for having liquor in their car, has been set for hearing June 9, and they have been released on bond of $300 each. The car will be held pending the outcome of the case.

Mrs. Claud Huston of this city, who was severely beaten by her husband two weeks ago, has almost completely recovered from her injuries, and is able to be out once more. Huston is out under bond of $1,000.

One hundred delegates from Gage county will leave the first of the week for Nebraska City to attend the state Sunday school convention. An effort will be made to land the convention for Beatrice in 1925.

JURY FOR WOMAN "BEAUTY PROOF"

Chicago, May 24.—Dressed bewitchingly and with the greatest of care Beulah Annan, beautiful young slayer of Harry Kalstedt, went to the witness stand in defense of her life here and told the so-called "beauty proof" jury she shot Kalstedt because he tried to kill her.

A battery of flashlights popped in the courtroom as the young woman took her seat. She flinched, clenched her hands, and then with set lips faced her attorney as motion picture machines clicked.

Mrs. Annan said Kalstedt reached her home in the morning of the day of the shooting and asked for money. He apparently was intoxicated, she testified.

"Whistle" of Bankrupt Referee for Jeffries

James J. Jefferies.

The bankruptcy case of James J. Jeffries, once heavyweight champion pugilist of the world, came to a close May 13, when his petition for discharge as a bankrupt was granted by the referee.

Disputed Census Book Reappears in Salaries Row

Murphy Demands Retraction and Intimates Suit; Citizens Eagerly Await Next Development.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Fremont, Neb., May 24.—The latest chapter in the Dodge county salaries fight came to an abrupt climax today when a census book, taken from assessor O. A. Swartwood by County Assessor J. A. Welton was returned to its owner, William Koyen, today upon Welton's assenting motion in justice court. The replevin suit filed by Koyen was settled with the costs fastened upon the county assessor.

Today A. W. Murphy, chairman of the county board of supervisors implicated in the charges filed by Koyan, published a demand for a retraction.

May Seek Damages.

Murphy is in possession of an affidavit signed by Swartwood which he claims absolves him from all charges considered by him as "libelous, false, and absolutely unfounded." He intimates that a suit for damages to his reputation will be filed against Koyen if the public retraction is not made.

The Dodge county salary case, to decide whether the present officials are being overpaid in accordance with the population is now pending in the state supreme court. It was brought against the officials by Koyen and others.

Await Development.

Some time ago Koyen secured Swartwood to make an unofficial census of Platte township, the result to be used in the litigation. Walton, under the impression that Swartwood was working for Koyen on the county's time, demanded that the census records be turned over to him. He secured the data from Swartwood. Koyen alleged, following threats of arrest. The replevin suit followed.

Citizens of Dodge county are curiously awaiting the next development in the fight. The officials insist that they are being paid on a basis of 25,000 population and charge that the attack is a political move in anticipation of the coming election. The last official census gives Dodge county 23,000 population. The officials allege that the deficit of 2,000 is made up by the number missed by census takers and a gradual increase since 1920.

WORLD FLIERS FETED IN TOKIO

By Associated Press.

The American aviators were guests this afternoon at a reception by the American association of Tokio, which the entire American community attended. It was the greatest gathering the American capital has had in years. For an hour the fliers were kept busy shaking hands and receiving congratulations.

Omaha Schoolma'am to See Europe on Foot, Carrying Pack on Her Back

Robert Louis Stevenson's "Travels With a Donkey" are to be relived. But this time a woman expects to enjoy the adventures of tramping overland and in place of the picturesque donkey to bear the burden of equipment this latest desciple is to carry all paraphernalia on her back—a la doughboy.

Miss Cecelia Chase, instructor of English at South High school, expects to leave soon after school closes for Europe. She plans no Cook's tour, however, but will move about seeing such sights as appeal to her fancy.

The trials of "checking in and out" of all European countries, that has formed the basis for the complaints of post-war tourists, are to be dodged. No continental trains will harass the life and vacation of Miss Chase.

A pack, containing the things a woman hiker would need on a long trip, will be strapped to her back and she will set out afoot.

Miss Carrie E. Nelson, 2583 Crown Point avenue, teacher in Minne Lusa school, also expects to go to Europe this summer. Her trip is to differ from that of Miss Chase. She is to accompany Mrs. A. S. Pinto and does not expect to hike.

10 Largest Realty Deals in Omaha Last Week

Following are the 10 largest real estate deals recorded in Omaha last week:

2818-20 Leavenworth, Anna S. Stuben to E. A. Harms, $18,000.

Southeast corner Ninth and Capitol, C. A. Swanson to May Theodore, $15,000.

519 South Thirty-first street, Arthur Theodore to J. P. Jerpe, $51,000.

532 Park avenue, Josephine G. Hamlin to Alice M. Dennis, $11,700.

1339 Turner boulevard, Mabel P. Osborne to O. R. Humphrey, $14,500.

1923 South Twenty-seventh street, Bessie Hodder to Archie Fontenay, $8,500.

3925 Ames avenue, Rita Pascale to John Battiato, $8,000.

307 South Fifty-third, R. W. Fadden to Hattie Riechstadt, $16,500.

Northwest corner Fifty-fifth and Jackson, Rasp Bros. to Mayme Eck, $9,750.

715 North Thirty-sixth street, A. F. Mullen to Mollie Miller, $8,500.

Conference Tax Report Is Adopted

Senate Passes Revised Bill by Vote of 60 to 6; Measure Now Goes to House.

Norris One of Dissenters

By GEORGE R. HOLMES.
International News Staff Correspondent.

Washington, May 24.—While ominous rumblings of disapproval continued to emanate today from the White House and treasury, the senate today adopted the new 1924 tax reduction bill.

The vote was 60 to 6, displaying an unanimity that for the senate is unusual. The non-partisan agreement on the tax compromise was emphasized by the fact that 30 republicans and 30 democrats joined hands in supporting the bill.

The six negative votes were cast by five republicans and one farmer-laborite—Brookhart of Iowa, Frazier of North Dakota, Ernest of Kentucky, Moses of New Hampshire, Norris of Nebraska, all republicans, and Magnus Johnson, farmer-laborite of Minnesota.

Among the bill's supporters and disregarding the frank disapproval of the White House and the treasury were found such administration senators as Lodge of Massachusetts, Curtis of Kansas, Smoot of Utah, and Reed of Pennsylvania.

Measure to House.

Their votes merely confirmed the almost universal opinion at the capitol that, should President Coolidge yield to Secretary Mellon and veto the bill, such a veto will be overridden by a literally overwhelming majority.

The bill will come up in the house early next week, probably on Monday and every indication pointed tonight to its adoption by a vote as large as that of the senate, 10 to 1.

President Coolidge initiated a series of conferences today with house members that will continue until the bill finally reaches his desk.

Reports that Secretary Mellon would carry his opposition to the bill to the point of retiring from the cabinet should the compromise bill become law, were discredited at the treasury today. Such a thought, it was said, by Mr. Mellon's advisers, is far from his mind.

Smoot Submits Report.

Senator Smoot, republican of Utah, chairman of the senate finance committee, and ordinarily a staunch administration supporter, presented the message soon after the senate met. He explained its provisions at some length, and then submitted to general questioning concerning the compromise reached between the senate and house.

Principal opposition to the bill was expressed with Senators Brookhart and Norris, insurgents. Brookhart declared the bill was unsatisfactory to him because it did not tax "war profiteers enough."

Senator Norris attacked the bill because his provision for full publicity of income tax returns was killed in conference and there was substituted for it a provision merely permitting the secretary of the treasury to make public the names of taxpayers with the total amount of their payment.

On the other hand, Senator Johnson, republican, of California, congratulated the conference because they had wrecked the Mellon plan.

"This is a just tax reduction," he said, speaking of the pending bill. "It is not a Mellon reduction. It deals generously with those least able to pay, and this was accomplished despite the greatest conspiracy of propaganda in the history of the country."

TORNADO HITS MISSOURI AREA

Sikeston, Mo., May 24.—Seven persons were injured in this vicinity last night and early today by a tornado, accompanied by a severe thunderstorm.

Much property damage was done. At Pharris Ridge, five miles southwest of here, William Carson, farmer, was blown 50 feet and badly hurt. Mrs. Ada Burnett and her son, Cecil, were injured when their farm home was blown down.

Southeast Missouri was practically isolated today owing to disrupted wire communications.

Seven persons are reported killed at Grand Ridge, and one at Caruthersville, Mo., in a severe wind storm last night. One block was reported destroyed at Caruthersville.

17 Russians Condemned.

By Associated Press.

Leningrad, May 24.—The supreme court today after 27 hours of deliberation, condemned to death 17 former judges, court officials, lawyers and persons connected with the operation of the new economic policy, who had been tried on charges of corruption and bribery.

Girl-Mother Fails to Pick Own "Love Baby" From Group of Five

This is Fannie Lockwood, 18, who is seeking possession of her "love baby" in St. Louis domestic relations court. Though she failed to pick her child out of a group of five, in accordance with the judge's condition, she will continue the fight. The baby is now 6 months old and was taken from her by its father, Thomas Poepping, an opera singer, two weeks after its birth.

"It did seem to me my baby had bluer eyes but I know this one is mine," declared the girl-mother. A police sergeant traced the child from an orphanage to a home where it has been tentativly adoptd.

Miss Lockwood has about 60 witnesses to substantiate her claim to the child.

Methodists Vote for World Peace

Resolution Adopted by Conference Urges Conscription of Wealth, Labor.

By Associated Press.

Springfield, Mass., May 24.—The peace resolution of a special committee accomplished yesterday was adopted by the Methodist Episcopal general conference here today.

An amendment was adopted which demanded that the conscription of wealth and labor "be a counterpart of any future conscription of human life" in war.

The organization of a world conference of churches to fight the evil of war is proposed.

Avoiding the issuance of the church's attitude toward a war involving this country, the report declared that continuance of war meant the suicide of civilization and called upon America to lead the way in a crusade for peace.

"The patriotism of the Methodist Episcopal church has never been challenged," the report asserted. "Neither our motives nor our loyalty must be impugned when we insist on the fulfillment of pledges made to the dead and assure our Christian ideal for the living."

The ballot must be used to outlaw war, the report said, and the church would elect to public office men pledged to secure the entry of this country into the world court and "a league" of nations. President Coolidge was urged to call a conference for more drastic armament reduction by the nations.

For the church peace conference, the report proposed that the general conference at this session appoint a commission of 25, composed of five bishops, 10 ministers and 10 laymen, authorized and instructed to call the conference.

The conference, sitting as a judicial body today, denied the constitutionality of the election of district superintendents by the general conference. The superintendents are now appointed by the bishops.

The minority of the judiciary committee, affirming constitutionality, was rejected by a vote of 421 to 383, and the majority report was then adopted by a large majority.

AUTO WRECKED, DRIVER ESCAPES

Fremont, Neb, May 24.—S. Peterson, Cedar Rapids, Ia., salesman for an Omaha company, escaped serious injury, when the car in which he was riding was completely wrecked by a Northwestern train on a crossing east of Arlington.

Fortunately, Peterson was thrown from the car when the crash came. He suffered but slight lacerations. The car was demolished.

Flyer to Make Nonstop Hop to Nebraska June 7

Columbus, Neb., May 24.—Maj. W. N. Hensley, commander of Mitchell Field, N. Y., will make his nonstop daylight to noon flight of 3,000 miles from New York to Columbus immediately after June 7, according to a message received today from Major Hensley by Mayor Julius Nicholas, who is planning a public city-wide reception for Major Hensley when he arrives.

Woman Drowns in Farm Stock Tank

Body Is Found by Husband Upon Return From Fields.

Shelton, Neb., May 24.—Mrs. J. S. Nelson, 45, wife of a wealthy farmer living 10 miles from here, was found drowned in a water tank on the farm this noon by her husband. Nelson was on his way to the house for dinner at the time.

It is believed that Mrs. Nelson, while on her way to the barn to aid a sick horse, fainted and fell into the tank. The family was in the habit of crossing the tank on a plank rather than walking around through the gate.

Surviving her are her husband and one daughter, 6.

YOUTH, 17, KILLS SELF OVER DANCE

Wymore, Neb., May 24.—Charles Tuma, 17, son of Albert Tuma, farmer, living on the Kansas line southeast of here, committed suicide this morning.

His body was found by an older brother on a couch in the house.

The fatal shot was through the head and a rifle was still held in one hand.

The cause of the suicide is not definitely known. It is said, however, that the youth had brooded over some trouble which developed at a dance recently. In this young Tuma, his sister Tillie and several other youg people were involved.

His mother committed suicide near here 10 years ago.

SUSPECTS HELD IN BOND ROBBERY

New York, May 24.—Arrests of three men here last night in connection with a huge bond theft, police believed today will clear up a bank robbery at Walton, Kan., in January, 1923; another in Denver soon after, and the slaying of two men in St. Louis in October, 1923.

The men arrested, all of whom gave New York addresses, were: Frank Markey, 31, an iron worker; John Elmkoff, 24, a printer, and Joseph Faber, 21, a steam fitter's helper.

Liberty bonds valued at $47,500, which were recovered from the trio, were stolen from the Walton State bank, police learned from the federal reserve board at Washington.

Married in Council Bluffs.

The following persons obtained marriage licenses in Council Bluffs yesterday:

Carl Herman Jeffers, Omaha	22
Florence Lillian Nelson, Minneapolis	21
Frank Adams, Omaha	41
Eva Reichman, Omaha	51
Pete Denies, Omaha	29
Georgia Marie Bond, Omaha	23
J. J. Schneider, Lincoln	26
Edna Thompson, Carroll, Ia.	21
William G. Collier, Fairbury, Neb.	35
Bessie Hupt, Huron, S. D.	29
B. H. Marshall, Lincoln	31
Pearl P. Kay, Lincoln	27
John Reuben Linn, Stanton, Ia.	22
Blanche Evelyn Sedarburg, Red Oak, Ia.	23
Harry D. Richards, Omaha	21
Florence Saunders, Tecumseh, Neb.	21
Samuel E. Cutts, Lincoln	29
Mary E. Capron, Lincoln	21
W. J. Spera, Council Bluffs	28
Nellie Shipley, Council Bluffs	30
Gale Eledge, Council Bluffs	18
Gladys Osborn, Council Bluffs	18
William J. P. Harris, Lincoln	31
Lydia B. Farnham, Omaha	31
Nelson Foss, Omaha	29
Winifred Oaks, West Point, Neb.	22
Meador Vath, Redfield, Ia.	23
W. C. Groves, Council Bluffs	41
Maurine Navin, Des Moines	18
Irene Camplain, Council Bluffs	18

Whole Isle Feels Blast of Kilauea

Fifteen-Minute Volcanic Tremor Perceptible in Streets of Honolulu, Miles From Mountain.

Tourists Warned Away

By International News Service.

Honolulu, May 24.—In the largest and most terrific eruption of the volcano Kilauea since last Sunday, the entire island of Hawaii was shaken to its foundations today, according to reports received here.

The explosion, which sent dust and rocks aloft to a height of approximately one and a half miles, lasted for 15 minutes. Tourists have been warned to visit the vicinity of the volcano at their peril. The military camp is prepared to give emergency aid to any which may have been injured by the blast.

A heavy black vapor and electrical disturbances accompanied the eruption.

PLANES TRY TO "SNAP" VOLCANO

Honolulu, May 24.—Seven army planes, commanded by Capt. Hugh Elendorf, left Luke field today to attempt a landing at Kilauea volcano and photograph its eruptions.

Due to the constant ejectment of gas from the crater, war gas masks are being worn at the military camp located near the volcano.

A broken camera, believed to have been the property of two soldiers missing since last Sunday, was found today near the volcano, increasing belief that they lost their lives in a sudden eruption of the mountain.

FORMER STATE SOLON IS DEAD

Robley D. Harris, 75, former state representative from Keith county, died Friday night at his home, 2409 Emmet street. He was register of deeds at the land office at Sidney, Neb., and secretary to the late Senator John M. Thurston. Mr. Harris was a member of Capitol lodge, Mt. Calvary commandery and a Shriner.

He is survived by his widow, Edith.

Mr. Harris came west in the regular army as a hospital steward. He located at Fort Keogh, Mont., 55 years ago, and saw service under General Miles and Gen. George A. Custer. While at Fort Keogh he married Miss Edith Carey, his present wife.

In 1888 he came to North Platte, Neb., and later practiced medicine at Ogalalla and Paxton, Neb.

BODY IS FOUND HANGING ON TREE

Hanging from the limb of a tree near the Great Western railroad trestle, east of Council Bluffs, the body of an unidentified man was found Saturday. Binding twine had been used by the suicide to make a noose.

The body was taken in charge by Coroner Cutler. It is that of a man weighing about 150 pounds, 5 feet 7 inches tall, 50 years old, sandy hair and mustache. Head and shoulders of a woman are tattooed on the right hand and a bird and dagger on the left arm.

Clothing consisted of gray trousers and overalls, blue work shirt, two sweaters, dark gray coat and gray felt hat.

It was found by J. W. Burns and Richard Taylor of Gilliat, Ia.

JAPS DIE AFTER SUICIDE PACT

Sacramento, Cal., May 24.—Injecting large amounts of poison into their veins, Dr. T. Karatsu, a Japanese physician, and Shizuo Miwa, his woman housekeeper, died in a suicide pact here.

Their bodies were found at the physician's home today. They had died some time between Thursday night and today.

SUICIDE SEEN IN DEATH OF YOUTH

Fairbury, Neb., May 24.—Charles Tuma, 20, son of Albert Tuma, farmer living 12 miles south of here, was found shot though the head today. It is believed that he was a suicide.

A rifle was found not far from the body. An inquest will be held. Tuma's mother committed suicide several years ago at the same farm.

The Weather

For 24 hours, ending 7 p. m., May 24:
Precipitation, Inches and Hundredths.
Total, 0. Total since January 1, 5.72; deficiency, 3.46.

Hourly Temperatures.

6 a. m.	36	1 p. m.	51
6 a. m.	36	2 p. m.	53
7 a. m.	40	3 p. m.	56
8 a. m.	42	4 p. m.	57
9 a. m.	44	5 p. m.	58
10 a. m.	46	6 p. m.	57
11 a. m.	48	7 p. m.	57
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