

CONGRESS CALLS PRESAGES STORM

Nebraska Stock Gets 3 Ribbons

Poland-China Hogs From This State Take Second and Third in Chicago Stock Show.

Second in Another Class

Chicago, Dec. 1.—Textbook herd from a dozen American agricultural colleges fortified the case for "book learnin'" today by running off with most of the honors in the opening day's competition at the twenty-fifth International Livestock Exposition.

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In the Duroc-Jersey class in the pig competition, Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical college won highest honors with the champion fat barrow of the year.

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Parents of Slain Yegg Meet at Bier

Reconciled by Death of Son Shot by Police; His Widow Breaks Down as She Sees Them.

Refuses to Tell of Crime

Over the body of their son, shot down as a bandit last Friday, the parents of Arthur P. Henderson were reconciled Monday afternoon.

William Henderson, the dead bandit's father, and his former wife, Mrs. C. L. Berry, wept together as they identified the body on the stone at the morgue as that of their son.

Henderson and Mrs. Berry were divorced several years ago, and she has since remarried. Neither knew that the other was in Omaha until they met at the police station as they visited Mrs. Latoria Henderson in her cell at the city jail.

Old quarrels were forgotten as they discussed the tragedy. Henderson drove to Omaha Monday morning from Kansas City, and Mrs. Berry drove to Omaha from Tulsa, Okla.

As they waited to see the bandit's widow, they were joined by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Davidson. Latoria Henderson, the bandit's widow, almost broke her sphinxlike silence as the four were ushered to her cell by a turnkey.

Sub of Joy. She gave a sob of joy as a turnkey conducted them to her cell. Her voice broke with emotion, and she began to explain the tragedy in a torrent of words.

As suddenly as it had begun, her outburst ceased. She became calm, brushed away her tears, and said, "But I can't talk about it now; it's too terrible." Her husband's parents did not attempt to question her further.

Latoria Henderson, called "the cleverest woman ever arrested in Omaha," has checkmated police in a desperate game of wits.

She is still in jail, turning back questions with shrews of her shrewdness, and the members of a gang of safe crackers are fleeing further every hour from the law's pursuit.

She cleverly is she playing her cards, and she believes they may be forced to free her, or to hold her only on such a petty charge as vagrancy.

If she accomplishes this, Chief of Detectives Ben Danbaum said Monday, the "prize catch" of the year will slip through the fingers of police.

Uses Good Strategy. Every move she has made, according to Danbaum, from the moment she rushed into the morgue Friday and identified the slain Piggy-Wiggly store bandit as her husband, was planned in advance. The plot was flawless, and she has not made a single misstep in the face of 72 hours of almost constant questioning.

Police know the game, but the woman holds the trump.

"She is only a decoy, but she has played the part perfectly," said Danbaum Monday.

"She deliberately walked into our hands, knowing that she would be arrested. She only wanted to draw officers off the trail of the others of (Turn to Page Two, Column Three.)

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Frank Bruner, Confessed Poisoner of His Wife, Believes Only Electric Chair Will Wipe Out Crime



Frank Bruner.

Resigned to His Fate Now That He Has Revealed Detail of Crime; Woman Protests Innocence.

Inquest Ordered Into Fatal Auto Crash in Bluffs

Jury to Fix Responsibility for Death of One and Injury of Two Others.

Smashing into a loaded auto truck, hurtling across a ditch and rolling for 40 feet, a large touring car carrying six men crushed the life out of one and seriously injured two others on the Lincoln highway three miles north of Council Bluffs Sunday evening.

George Pruet, 45, 1520 Avenue M, was almost instantly killed in the first accident. His brother, Mert Pruet, 1510 Avenue N, and Morris McGugan, 19, his adopted son, were seriously injured and are at Jennie Edmundson hospital.

Their car was overturned after it had struck a loaded truck driven by Lester Kosowski, 4891 Curtis avenue. According to McGugan, who was driving, he turned out to pass a wagon on the road and did not see the truck.

Roy Pruet, 1510 Avenue N, Glen Mayhem and Riley McIntosh, 1609 Avenue N, George Pruet's son-in-law, who were also riding in the car, were unhurt. McIntosh told police that George Pruet had been sitting on the side of the car as it rolled over. Pruet's forehead was crushed by the car.

Kosowski hailed a passing motorist, who took the dead man and the two injured men to the hospital. Pruet is believed to have been dead when he was picked up. Mert Pruet and McGugan suffered broken ribs and painful cuts, but will recover.

To Hold Inquest. Coroner L. Henry Cutler empaneled a jury Monday morning and will attempt to fix the blame for the accident. County Attorney Frank Northrop announced that he would await the action of the coroner's jury before taking any action in the case.

Pruet is survived by his wife and his mother, Mrs. Mert Pruet, of Honey Creek, Ia., and by 10 brothers and sisters.

Tax Publicity Repeal Asked. By International News Service. Washington, Dec. 1.—Repeal of the publicity features of the income tax law was proposed in a bill introduced in the house today by Congressman Watson, republican of Pennsylvania, a member of the house ways and means committee which drafted the tax law.

The bill provides that the tax returns shall be open only to the house ways and means committee, the senate finance committee and special committees of the house and senate appointed to investigate tax matters for purposes of legislation.

Tax Publicity Trial Is Begun. Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 1.—Trial of S. Dickey, owner and editor of the Kansas City Journal-Post and Ralph Ellis, general managing editor of the news paper, for alleged illegal publication of income tax returns, began in federal court here today.

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Two Houses Reconvene on Monday

Opening Brief, Neither Session Lasting an Hour Before Adjournment in Memory of Dead Members.

New Members Sworn in

Washington, D. C., Dec. 1.—With an outward calm viewed generally as only the forerunner of storms that are to come the fifth congress reconvened today for its final session. It must give way on next March 4 to the new congress elected last month.

The opening was brief and perfunctory. The senate was in session exactly 20 minutes and the house just 25 minutes. The only departure from the usual opening routine was the adoption by the house of a resolution for congressional memorial services for Woodrow Wilson on December 15.

Each house adjourned until noon tomorrow out of respect to memories of members who have died recently, after it had adopted resolutions of regret. Before that, new members had been sworn in and a joint committee had been named to advise President Coolidge that congress was in session. This committee did later in the day.

Budget Message Today. The executive informed the committee that tomorrow he would transmit the annual budget message and on Wednesday would send in his own annual message on the state of the union. This will not be delivered in person, thus obviating the necessity for a joint session.

Facing the necessity of passing more than a dozen annual appropriation bills in three months, congress will get down to business tomorrow. The house will receive the interior department supply measure and begin its consideration on Wednesday.

As fast as the appropriation measures are sent to the senate, others will be ready for house consideration. Not all of the time will be given to them, however, as house leaders plan from time to time to call up general legislation.

The program in the senate will be similar, although the republican steering committee will not map out a definite program until late this week or early next week. Meanwhile, however, the senate will give attention to Muscle Shoals which comes up Wednesday under a special order. The present expectation is that it will be sent back to the agriculture committee.

Insurgents in Power. While new legislation of importance will be proposed and take its place on the calendars with much that came over from the last session, there is little prospect of action on many matters other than the supply bills. The republican insurgents still hold the balance of power and their leaders have declared they will continue a drive for their program with a view to taking their fight to the country again two years hence when the seventeenth congress is to be elected.

Whatever of increased bitterness that may come out of the recent campaign is most apt to find expression in the senate. The republicans there have read out of their party council the names of senators who actively opposed the election of President Coolidge.

All four of these senators were present today. Despite a rather severe cold, Senator La Follette was in his place in the front row. He arrived from Madison, in the morning and was greeted at the senate chamber by a number of his colleagues, including Senator Wheeler, democrat, Montana, who was his running mate on the independent presidential ticket.

Wheeler Is Safe. Senator Wheeler received a hearty welcome from many of his colleagues on the democratic side. Coincident with his return, Senator Robinson of Arkansas, the minority leader, said there was no intention at this time of reading Wheeler out of the party because of his acceptance of a place on the independent ticket.

Senator La Follette had no comment to offer on the action of the (Turn to Page Two, Column One.)

AGED MAN GETS DEATH SENTENCE

Parkersburg, W. Va., Dec. 1.—David Runyan, 60, was sentenced to be hanged by Judge Walter E. McDougle today after he had entered a plea of guilty in circuit court to a charge of criminal attack upon his granddaughter, 14.

This case is too heinous," Judge McDougle declared in passing sentence. "To let it pass and send you to the penitentiary for a few years and then be pardoned by some person whispering a pitiful tale in the ear of the pardon attorney."

Prisoner Blames Liquor. "It's booze that ruined me," declared August DeBoodt, when he was arraigned before Judge Fitzgerald on a charge of breaking and entering.

He pleaded guilty. "I'll just give you enough days to keep you from a spirited celebration of the holidays," declared the judge. DeBoodt will spend the next 30 days in the county jail.

The Weather

Table with 4 columns: Precipitation, inches and hundredths; Total since January 1, 23.45; Deficiency; Hourly Temperatures.

We Have With Us Today

H. G. Leedy, Lawyer, Kansas City, Mo.

H. G. Leedy is general counsel of the Federal Reserve bank of Kansas City and is in Omaha on business.

He is a personal friend of O. O. McIntyre's family at Plattburg, Mo., and a warm admirer of The Omaha Bee's famous contributor. He said that in the home-town paper at Plattburg, all of McIntyre's letters to his father, which are numerous, are printed in full and evoke a lot of interest.

McIntyre is Plattburg's perennial candidate for president, Leedy said.

Edward Amherst Oil, Lecturer, Utica, N. Y.

Reared on an Ohio farm Mr. Oil, at the age of 22, went on the stage and he became dean of oratory and English at Drake university.

In determining the work for which youths are most suited Mr. Oil believes that mental tests are unsatisfactory, and that personality tests which include 12 others phases of character are more satisfactory. He spoke at the Advertising-Selling League meeting Monday night.

MANY AT RITES OF GAS VICTIM

One of the largest throngs which ever attended a funeral in South Omaha witnessed the last rites Sunday afternoon over the body of Charles G. Root, president of the Traders' exchange, who was asphyxiated Friday by exhaust gas from his car.

More than 500 persons crowded the auditorium of Grace Methodist church and the steps and sidewalks outside. The procession of cars which followed the body to the grave was more than a mile long.

The eulogy was delivered by Rev. C. C. Wilson, former pastor of Grace Methodist church, of which Mr. Root had been treasurer. He pointed to Mr. Root's career as a commission man as an example of upright living.

The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. E. L. Storey of Grace church. Bee Hive Masonic lodge was in charge of the services at the grave. Mr. Root was a member of the Masons and Shriners.

He was asphyxiated in his own garage as he was tuning up his car to meet his daughter, who was arriving by train Thursday evening. His wife was asleep when he left the house Thursday evening and discovered his body early Friday morning when she awakened and heard the motor still running.

WOMAN IS SLAIN BY BANDIT PAIR

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 1.—Two masked bandits entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lennie E. Bloodgood early today, killed Mrs. Bloodgood after they had locked her husband into the basement, and escaped with \$85 in cash they took from under a mattress.

Bloodgood heard Mrs. Bloodgood say "we have no money" then he heard one of the bandits strike her. Neighbors released him an hour later.

ROSE FORFEITS \$200 BEER BOND

William Rose, alleged head of the Omaha "beer ring," forfeited \$200 in bond Monday morning because he wouldn't step across the hall to argue about his connections with the liquor traffic.

Badger Coach Quits. By Associated Press. Madison, Wis., Dec. 1.—T. E. Jones, director of athletics at the University of Wisconsin, tendered his resignation to President A. Berg today.

STATE LEGION MAPS CAMPAIGN

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Grand Island, Dec. 1.—The membership committee of the American Legion, department of Nebraska, including district and local chairmen, met here last night to map out the 1925 campaign.

State Commander Courtney, Kearney; John Bayer, state membership committee chairman, North Platte; Sam Reynolds, national executive committee man, Omaha; Frank O'Connell, state adjutant, Lincoln; Stanley Biegel, state publicity chairman, Kearney; Lloyd Kahn, Gothenburg; John Lawler, Hastings; Charles D. Hohous, Nebraska City; Carl Ledbetter, Sidney; W. L. Stieblich, Gothenburg; Russell W. Gendler, Omaha; Commander Smith and Chairman Northrup, Grand Island, were in attendance.

NEW FIRE SHIFT ON TRIAL 30 DAYS

Members of the fire department started Monday morning at 7 to operate on a 24-hour basis as an experiment for 30 days. If the experiment is approved, the legislature will be asked this winter to amend the present double-shift law to authorize a system of 24 hours on and 24 hours off.

Under the proposed new plan the men will sleep and eat their meals in quarters.

Rock Island Publisher Dodges Murder Charge

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 1.—John P. Looney, former publisher of the Rock Island News, wanted in that city on various indictments, one charging murder, two years ago, in federal court here demanded trial on an indictment charging him with interstate transportation of a stolen automobile. The federal indictment was returned here more than a year ago. The trial was set for December 22.

Chicago Mystery Girl May Be Canadian Singer

Chicago, Dec. 1.—The mystery girl in the psycho-pathic hospital, who claims to be bereft of her memory, may be Miss Lillian Durkin, a singer of Winnipeg, Canada, according to a letter received by the police from Joseph W. Standish, a theater manager at Binghamton, N. Y. He said she has a brother in New York city.

250 Seek Citizenship

The regular naturalization court will be presided over Tuesday by Judge Goss. There are 250 applicants for citizenship.

State's Witness List Shortening in Hough Trial

Man Who Pointed Prisoner Out to Sioux City Police—Principal Witness Monday.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Bedford, Ia., Dec. 1.—Testimony for the state in the trial of Carl Hough for the murder of Lillian McKenney of Herrick, S. D., last August, may be concluded Tuesday.

Few witnesses will be introduced by the defense. It is believed, so that the case may reach the jury late this week, or early next week.

A feature of the testimony submitted today was the story told by John Beach, 209 North Thirteenth street, Omaha, who assisted police in the apprehension of Hough in Sioux City several days after the body of the McKenney girl was found beneath a bridge 10 miles west of Bedford.

Witness Tells of Meeting. Beach met Hough in Arthur, Ia., about two days after the slaying, he told the jury. Hough was driving an automobile and asked Beach to join him in a trip toward South Dakota.

Beach noticed a loaded shotgun in the rear of the car and his suspicions were aroused further when his companion appeared anxious to obtain a copy of a daily paper to see the "weather report."

The men drove through several Iowa towns, running out of gasoline near Osceola, where they abandoned the automobile and proceeded on freight trains. When they reached Council Bluffs, Beach went into a restaurant for a meal, but Hough refused to accompany him, waiting outside until he had finished.

At this point Hough refused to "hop" freights any further, but insisted on continuing toward Sioux City on foot. They reached the town (Turn to Page Two, Column Four.)

16 ARRESTED ON GAMBLING CHARGE

Denver, Dec. 1.—A damage suit for \$400,000 was filed against a dead man in district court here today when Mrs. Irene Baer sought these damages in an allegation of affection complaint as well as the return of \$40,000 worth of diamonds and oriental rugs from Mrs. Elsie Baer Baer, second wife of Julius L. Baer, deceased wealthy manufacturer of Boston and New York.

Attorneys for Mrs. Baer No. 1 declare that Baer was served with a summons in the case just before his death a month ago, but the formal complaint was not filed until today.

Mrs. Irene Baer charges that the second Mrs. Baer, formerly employed as a nurse by Baer when he came here for his health, alienated his affections through fraudulent means, resulting in a divorce. She also charges that narcotics were used in poisoning the wealthy man's mind against her.

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