

Hear of Rival Drive Bruner to Slay Wife

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Immediate Increase, Abolition of Occupational Tax of Company, Repair of Damaged Paving Only, Urged. Earnings Too Meager

The Omaha Chamber of Commerce went on record Tuesday afternoon for an immediate increase of street car fares.

The executive committee approved the report of a special tramway committee of the chamber which also urges the abolition of the occupational tax paid by the Omaha & Council Bluffs Street railway, and the amendment to state laws which would permit the citizens to vote a "comprehensive franchise."

The demand for a higher fare is based on the state railway commission's \$14,100,000 valuation of the property. The committee contends that the company should pay a 7 per cent dividend, or have a net operating income of \$950,000. Figures for the current year would indicate that the railway will earn \$561,000 in 1924, falling short \$389,000 of the desired amount.

The committee "does not believe itself competent to arrive at the exact amount of the increase in fares which should be granted the company in order to yield a fair return."

The tramway committee, which was appointed October 15, consists of Guy C. Kiddoo, chairman; John Gamble, W. H. H. George, Kelly, Fred Knapp, Paul Kuhns, Judge McGilton, George Ray, E. T. Rector and L. C. Gholos.

Repair Damaged Paving. The committee recommends that the company be required to maintain the paving to the extent to which it is damaged or destroyed by the operation of car lines, "but that it should not be required to pay for new paving or for maintenance required by the ordinary wear and tear of general traffic. If the company desires to present a charter amendment to the people before the next general election, in order to secure the relief suggested here this should be done, but the cost of such a special election should be borne by the company."

Passengers Pay All Extras. The report goes on: "Your committee bases its recommendation that the company be relieved of the paving burden upon the fact that at present the cost of paving between the company's rails is, in the final analysis, paid by the street car riders and benefits only the owners of property which abuts upon street car lines. Your committee believes that the cost of paving the streets through which street car lines run should be distributed in the same way as the cost of paving the streets where there are no street car lines."

The proposed immediate increase in fares, the committee states, should expire December 25, 1925, and a new rate be made effective at that time by the state railway commission based on the company's expenses and prospects at that time. It is recommended that the traffic bureau of the Chamber of Commerce appear before the commission in any proceedings as representatives of the chamber and the people of Omaha.

DAWES TO QUIT TREASURY POST

Washington, Dec. 2.—Comptroller of the Currency Henry M. Dawes has decided to leave the government service to engage in private business it was learned officially at the White House today.

His resignation has not been submitted to President Coolidge, but it is expected shortly.

The comptroller, who is a brother of Vice President-elect Charles G. Dawes, is understood to be slated for the presidency of the Pure Oil company.

New Pastor at Beatrice.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 2.—Rev. C. E. Simerly of Kansas City, Mo., who has just closed a successful revival at the Church of God in West Beatrice, has accepted the call as pastor and will locate here with his family.

We Have With Us Today

Henry Kahrs, Farmer, Lodge Pole, Neb.

Mr. Kahrs went to western Nebraska 15 years ago and bought the cheap on a tabularium north of Lodge Pole, at that time considered nearly worthless. George Roberts, Omaha grain man, has much land in that vicinity now. They raise excellent wheat.

Mr. Kahrs farms about 1,000 acres with his brother, John. They plow with a giant tractor which turns a "furrow" 25 feet wide with disk plow.

He and his wife drove to Omaha in a new sedan, stopping en route to visit his brother, Fred, at West Point.

MYSTERY SLAYING PUZZLING POLICE

Los Angeles, Dec. 2.—With six November murders still unsolved, Los Angeles police turned their attention today to a new mystery, involving the killing of a girl, whose name is unknown.

Detectives investigated a report that the girl's body had been shipped from here to Seattle in a trunk.

Known only as "Babe," the girl was slain in a hotel here six weeks ago, according to detectives, who said on the night of her disappearance screams were heard in her room.

Bank Bandits Get \$2,550, Kidnap Two in Unique Holdup

Ask Change for Dollar, Scoop Up Gold and Take Attendants Along With Them.

Bethany, Neb., Dec. 2.—The two young bandits who robbed the First State bank of Bethany, a suburb of Lincoln, this morning were still at large tonight.

Despite the fact that the state sheriff's office had been called and efforts had been made to guard every road out of town, the bandits made their escape.

The two young men entered the bank at 11:30. One of them pushed a \$1 bill in front of O. P. Heiliger, cashier, and asked for change, 25 cents in pennies and the rest in nickels.

Heiliger proceeded to give the change, when he found himself facing a revolver.

"March to the back of the bank," ordered one of the young men. The other approached Harry Heiliger, assistant cashier, and in an instant both were under guard of one of the men at the rear of the banking room.

The other quickly gathered up \$2,050 in currency and then demanded that O. P. Heiliger get them the currency from the safe. He told them there was none there, but that there was a little gold. They obtained \$500 in gold.

"Now, we're going to take you with us for a ride," said the taller of the two bandits, as he ordered the two brothers to accompany them from the bank. The bandits even ordered them to lock the bank door. This they did, and the two bandits were forced into the bandits' Ford touring car.

They drove rapidly south out of the town.

Boast of Other "Job." "Remember the bank robbery at Normal about a month ago?" inquired one of the robbers. The bankers assured him they remembered it well.

"We're the guys that pulled it," the robber assured them.

"Got a cigaret?" asked the other bandit.

One of the Heiligers handed him an opened package. The young bandit took it, lighted one, gave one to his companion and put the package in his pocket.

"Remember me?" asked the other bandit, looking Harry Heiliger in the eye. The state banker looked at him and said he did not.

"I was in your bank, looking the place over, about three weeks ago," the young man assured him.

At Fifty-sixth and Randolph streets, Lincoln, in a hollow place, the car was stopped and the brothers were told to get out.

"Beat it into the cornfield," ordered the bandits as they drove swiftly to the south. The bankers saw them disappear over the hill and then ran back to Bethany and spread the alarm.

NEW JAPANESE ENVOY NAMED

Tokio, Dec. 2.—Tsunao Matsuda, former vice minister of foreign affairs and member of the old Daimyo family of Fukui, has been chosen ambassador to the United States in succession to Masanaga Hanibara, who returned from Washington several months ago following the acute influenza epidemic which broke out by means of the Japanese exclusion law through congress. It is unofficially announced here in today's edition of the Hochi Shimbun, independent Tokio news paper.

Growers Plan Audit of Sugar Company Books

Bridgeport, Dec. 2.—Books of the Great Western Sugar company will be audited by an accredited accountant, hired by the North Platte Valley Beet Growers' association, as a means of ascertaining information upon which to base demands for the 1925 contract, according to action of the board of directors that was instructed to employ a public accountant to make the audit.

Report of the chemists employed by the association that worked with the company chemists during the recent campaign showed the beets of Nebraska to contain more sugar this year than ever before, with an average of over 16 per cent of sugar content.

Liner Still Grounded.

London, Dec. 2.—Advices to the Lloyds from Hamburg stated that an attempt to float the liner Minnekahda of the American line, which went ashore off Gluckstadt, Germany, Sunday, had been unsuccessful.

Spark Plug of Iowa Is Prize Steer

Ames Animal Gets Second Place in Chicago Livestock Show; Is Reserve Champion.

Auction Upon Thursday

By Universal Service. Chicago, Dec. 2.—Deacon 1654, a pure bred Hereford steer, entered by John C. Shaffer, Chicago newspaper publisher, today was named grand champion of the International Livestock exposition, the steer, weighing 950 pounds, was reared on Shaffer's Ken-Cary ranch at Littleton, Colo., and is 11 months old.

The award was made by Walter Higgins of Grace Farm, Delaetite, Scotland, chief judge of the exposition.

Deacon 1654, which will go to the slaughtering bench in a few days after being auctioned off to the highest bidder, is the third pure-bred Hereford to win the coveted honors of the International Livestock exposition.

In all other years the grand championship was awarded the Aberdeen-Angus, or shorthorn families.

The prize animal was sired by Deacon Domino, Jr., by Miss Perfection 139th, and was fed on bran, oats and corn, the records revealed.

Spark Plug Second. Judge Higgins awarded second honors to Spark Plug, the entry of the Iowa State University at Ames, Ia. Spark Plug, a cross-breed, weighing 1,400 pounds, and born September 4, 1922, therefore becomes the reserve grand champion.

The auction of the prize animals will take place Thursday in the presence of President Coolidge and Mrs. Coolidge. Fancy prizes usually are paid, in 1919 the grand champion being sold at \$2.62 a pound on the hoof. It is usually dressed for Christmas beef.

Other champions crowned at the exposition today were the barrow entered by the University of Minnesota, a fine Berkshire specimen, and the reserve title going to a Hampshire shire entered by Oklahoma A. & M. college.

The Speedway farm of Indianapolis displayed the champion barrow in the fat Yorkshire division, reserve honors going to the Michigan Agricultural college.

Columbia Stock farm of Kansas City, Mo. was awarded the fat spot, Poland-China barrow entry, and R. F. Harris farms of Sevmour, Ill., the champion fat Tamworth barrow.

Wheat King Named. The Heart's Delight farm of Chazy, N. Y., displayed the champion fat Dorset weaver, and the University of Wisconsin the champion fat cheviot weaver.

Ceremonious Sultan, 7-year-old polled shorthorn bull, was again named grand champion of the show in his division, establishing a new record in all breeds and species. He was grand champion in 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922 and 1924. The animal is owned by the Leemon Stock farm of Hooperton, Ill.

Another award made today was that of the "Wheat King"—the title going to J. C. Mitchell of Dahinda, Sask. Mr. Mitchell displayed samples of Maid Marquis hard red spring wheat with which he annexed the title in 1919 and repeated in 1920.

In the 14 years in which wheat has been judged in connection with the live stock exposition the title has gone to Canada 13 times. The single exception was in 1921 when a Montana farmer, exhibiting a grade of wheat imported from Saskatchewan, carried off the honors.

Canadians also took nine out of 15 awards in the Timothy seed and clover seed competition.

BROKER BROTHERS SHOT IN QUARREL

New York, Dec. 2.—Louis and Samuel Leberster, brokers, were taken to a hospital this afternoon suffering from bullet wounds while detectives began a hunt for Noah Aaron.

The brothers told police they had been shot during a quarrel over business matters.

Woman Suffers Injuries When Blown Down by Wind

Bridgeport, Dec. 2.—Unable to walk against the strong wind that prevailed in the Sunol district Saturday, Mrs. A. Beecher, a resident of the Dalton colony, was blown down as she walked along the sidewalk and suffered a broken wrist and some torn ligaments in her arm. The wind was the strongest ever noted in this territory, blowing at times 70 miles an hour and filling the air with every thing light that could be picked up. Windows were broken and several signs blown down.

Minden Doctor Sentenced to Ten Years in Penitentiary

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Minden, Neb., Dec. 2.—Dr. Charles E. Abbott, found guilty a week ago on a statutory charge, was today sentenced to 10 years in the penitentiary. Notice of appeal was filed and Abbott posted \$5,000 bond.

Auto Bumped Into Fleeing Suspect When Shots Fail to Stop Him

Trust Omaha detectives to "get their man."

If they can't hit him with a gun they can hit him with a fliwer.

Detective Cummings played this neat trick on Emmett Stewart, colored, of Council Bluffs, Tuesday afternoon.

Cummings and Detective Treglia were riding in Cummings' machine near Eleventh and Howard streets, when they saw Stewart and recognized him as a man wanted as a shoplifting suspect.

Treglia jumped out of the machine and ordered Stewart to stop. Stewart broke into a run, and Treglia chased after him. Stewart gained a lead and the Treglia pulled his gun and fired in the air. From then on Stewart was only a rapidly moving pillar of smoke.

Cummings wheeled the car around and started in pursuit, while Treglia continued to run and shoot. They followed Stewart to Thirteenth and Jackson streets. Stewart was still unpunctured and going strong.

Cummings in his Ford slowly crept up on Stewart as he crossed Jackson street. He nosed the car to Stewart's side and then a quick flip of the wrist and the front wheel caught Stewart in midair. He flew a ways, dropped a ways, and bounced a ways. Then he stopped, and the officers bundled him into the car.

They took him to the police station, where he was found to have a bundle of underclothing concealed under his coat. Police say it was stolen from the Burgess-Nash company. He will be charged with larceny. He received only minor bruises.

Congress Gets Down to Work

\$800,000 for North Platte Project Included in Measure Before Senate.

Washington, Dec. 2.—With only brief debate, the senate today passed the \$188,000,000 deficiency appropriation bill.

The bill was blocked in the closing days of the last session as a result of a filibuster by Senator Pittman, democrat, of Nevada, who objected because appropriation for reclamation projects in his state was decreased.

When Pittman announced that an adjustment satisfactory to him had been made during the summer by the Interior department the conference report on the bill was immediately approved.

The bill now goes to the president for signature.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Congress put on its working clothes today and got down to business.

The senate tackled the \$188,000,000 urgent deficiency bill, left over from last session, which has already passed the house and which provides money for a variety of government needs.

The house started gridding on the big appropriation bills that are expected to occupy almost all of the present session.

The issue between the republican regulars and the insurgents has been left burning—with a time fuse attached.

The appropriation bill called up in the senate today carried heavy sums for the soldiers' bonus, irrigation projects, tax refunds and endorsement of the naval disarmament treaty. A hundred minor appropriations swelled the total.

\$5,500 IS VOTED TO FIGHT DISEASE

The city council Tuesday morning passed an emergency ordinance which allows the health department an additional appropriation of \$5,500 to combat an outbreak of smallpox and to meet increased expense of operating the emergency hospital.

Health Commissioner A. S. Pinto outlined that there has been an increase of \$400 per month for the last few months in the operation of the emergency hospital, that the drug bill has been \$500 more per month for three months and that this year's garbage contract will run \$2,500 more than last year.

Seven new cases of smallpox were reported on Monday and Tuesday morning. Five of the recent cases were of pupils attending Immaculate Conception parochial school, twenty-fourth and Bancroft streets, which has been given general vaccination orders. During the last few weeks pupils at St. Peter parochial school, St. John high school, Mason and Windsor schools have been vaccinated.

During November the health department recorded 35 cases of smallpox, and only six were reported during October.

Coolidge's Note Urges Tax Slash

Surplus Anticipated at End of Year, Executive Tells Congress in His Special Message.

Government Cost Cut

By H. K. REYNOLDS, International News Service Staff Correspondent.

Washington, Dec. 2.—President Coolidge today told congress how to keep on reducing taxes. It can only be done, he said, by continuing the government's present policy of strict and unyielding economy. Transmitting to congress the federal budget for the fiscal year 1925-26, the president revealed that a surplus of \$67,000,000 is anticipated at the end of the current fiscal year on June 30, 1925, and that the surplus for the next year is expected to be nearly \$74,000,000.

"We are now in the fourth year of our campaign for the reduction of the cost of government," the president said in a special message read in both houses this afternoon. "Our aim is to reduce the burden of taxes. In this we have been successful. We are fast reducing our expenditures to a minimum consistent with efficient service. We have before us an estimated surplus of \$67,000,000 for the current year and \$73,000,000 for the next year. Shall we embark upon new projects involving expenditures which will prevent the accumulation of these surpluses, or shall we continue the campaign for economy? I am for economy. If we continue the campaign for economy we will have the way for further reduction in taxes."

Mr. Coolidge added, however, that this promised reduction could not be effected immediately, and indicated that he was not in favor of the tax problem being taken up by a special session of congress after March 4 as has been suggested in some quarters. "Before it is undertaken," he explained, "we should know more definitely by actual operation what our revenues will be under the present law, but the knowledge of our revenues under the existing law will avail us nothing if we embark upon any new large expenditure program."

In accordance with the president's economy program, the government's ordinary expenditures for the next fiscal year will be more than \$60,000,000 less than they were this year. The total expenditures for 1925-26, including the payment of \$1,500,000,000 toward the reduction of the public debt, will be \$2,267,551,275, compared with \$2,343,932,800 this year and \$2,506,671,715 last year.

Navy Expense Cut. Nearly half of the saving to be effected will be in curbing the expenditures for the army and navy, the estimate being \$29,000,000 less than the amount spent this year.

"This reduction is made," the president said, "in accordance with my belief that we can have adequate national defense with a more modest outlay of the taxpayers' money. Further study may point the way to additional reduction without weakening our national defense, but rather perfecting it. The nation is at peace with the world. We no longer have international competition in naval construction of major units. We are concerned primarily with maintaining the world's peace."

Under either private operation or government ownership, Underwood's bill would lay down drastic terms to insure cheap fertilizers. First, an annual total of 46,000 tons of fixed nitrogen must be made, and a similar amount of fertilizing nitrate, turned out every year. This limit begins with the fourth year of operation, with lesser amounts demanded for the first three years. And the selling price of the nitrates would be limited to a profit of not more than 8 per cent of the fair annual cost of the production.

In introducing the bill, Underwood explained it was a substitute proposal for the offer which Henry Ford made for the Muscle Shoals project two years ago and withdrew during the recent recess of congress.

World Hasten Manufacture. "My bill would provide a start for the manufacture of nitrates in this country," Underwood said.

"I am not at heart a government ownership man, but I believe the manufacture of nitrates is so important a part of our national program, I am willing to have the government enter that business if private interests do not desire to accept our terms. The government has built its own battleships. Now it can make its own nitrates. Both are truly war functions."

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SINCLAIR RAISES "GAS" PRICE HERE

The Sinclair Refining company raised the price of gasoline at its Omaha stations and tank wagons 2 1/2 cents Tuesday morning, making a filling station price 15 1/2 cents and tank wagon price 13 1/2 cents a gallon.

The Standard, Nicholas and other big companies, up to noon, had not joined the rise, maintaining their prices at 13 cents at filling stations and 11 cents by tank wagon delivery.

"The increase by the Sinclair company was a surprise to us," declared President Richardson of the Standard Oil Company of Nebraska. "I cannot say whether we will follow or not."

Division Manager J. V. Dippel of the Sinclair company said it could no longer continue doing business at a loss.

"Gasoline costs 8 1/2 cents a gallon at the refinery and the freight to Omaha is 2 1/2 cents, a total of 10 1/2 cents. We were selling at 11 from tank wagons and you can't maintain trucks and pay drivers on such a small margin of profit. Nor can you maintain expensive filling stations on a margin of a little more than 2 cents."

The "mystery station" price stood at 13 cents and the H. M. Michel station price at 12 1/2 cents a gallon Tuesday. It is believed other companies will follow the Sinclair rise within a short time.

Pershing in Panama.

Panama, Dec. 2.—The U. S. 8, Utah, carrying the American delegation to the centennial of the battle of Ayacucho, to be celebrated in Lima, Peru, on December 9, sailed from here yesterday. General Pershing and his fellow delegates were visited by the members of the Panama cabinet.

GORE NOMINATION SENT TO SENATE

Washington, Dec. 2.—Several scores of nominations, many of them covering appointments made during the recess of congress, were sent to the capitol today by President Coolidge.

The nominations include those of Howard M. Gore of West Virginia to be secretary of agriculture; Wilbur J. Carr, New York, and John Van A. MacMurray, N. J., assistant secretaries of state; James Rockwell Sheffield, New York, ambassador to Mexico, and Edgar A. Bancroft, Illinois, ambassador to Japan.

Father of Slain Girl on Stand as State Rests Case

Elmer McKenney Calm Under Questioning of Attorneys; Passes Garments of Dead Girl Displayed.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Bedford, Ia., Dec. 2.—The state rested late this afternoon in the trial of Carl Hough, charged with the murder of Lillian McKenney near here last August.

The defense will open its case tomorrow morning. The case may be given to the jury early next week, authorities declared today.

A thrill was furnished the spectators who packed into the court room this morning when Elmer McKenney, father of the slain girl, was called to the witness stand.

McKenney was calm throughout the questioning, but occasionally, when the garments of his dead daughter were displayed, he passed a hand across his eyes.

He said he and his family lived in Bedford, Ia., until a few years ago when they moved to Herrick, S. D.

"Lillian graduated from high school there," he said. "She was a good girl. I didn't like to see her go with Hough. The last time I saw her was with him. That was about 7 the evening of August 5."

"Next morning we saw she hadn't been home and had taken some of her clothes and gone off with Hough. I didn't see her again, only her body, which I identified here August 15."

Hough's attorney, in cross-examination, sought to show that Lillian was so big and strong that Hough could not have killed her. Mr. McKenney said she was about Hough's height, 5 feet 4 inches. She sometimes worked in the harvest fields, he said.

William Kruger, Cushing, (Ia.) garage man, testified that Hough appeared at his place the Friday following the murder and reported that his car was broken down on the outskirts of the town. Kruger towed it in and found it was out of gasoline. Hough asked for money and Kruger loaned him \$2. Hough never called for the car.

State Agent Hiram Long detailed the steps by which he traced Hough from Bedford.

DOCTOR ISOLATES INSULIN ELEMENT

Chicago, Dec. 2.—Medical circles here today were discussing the discovery of Dr. Arthur Locke, 26-year-old chemist of Duke hospital, by which he claims to have isolated the active elements of insulin, diabetes remedy and the diphtheria antitoxin, permitting their laboratory synthesis. The discovery, physicians declared, would permit the inexpensive manufacture of the drugs and do away with the present necessity of obtaining them by laborious processes from animals. Dr. Locke's announcement stated he had effected the isolation by electro-dialysis.

HONEY MEN WILL MEET WEDNESDAY

The Nebraska Honey Producers' association will meet at Burgess-Nash auditorium at 10:30 a. m. Wednesday and will have luncheon at the Burgess-Nash tea room at noon. Speakers at the meeting will be H. H. Root of Medina, O., J. H. Wagner of Washington, D. C., and A. H. Dunn and J. G. Jessup of Council Bluffs.

Norfolk Kiwanis Names Officers and Directors

Norfolk, Neb., Dec. 2.—Eleven men were elected officers and members of the board of directors of the Norfolk Kiwanis club.

The following men were elected as officers: L. B. Nicola, president; C. E. Burnham, vice president; A. B. Carpenter, district trustee; J. A. Duff, treasurer.

Those elected to the board of directors were: Jerry A. Brown, J. R. Gibson, C. J. Fleming, Frank Turk, M. C. Frasier, Dr. W. R. Hall and M. S. McDuffee.

Detroit Pastor Dies.

Detroit, Dec. 2.—William Dave, 75, one of the leading sponsors of the Ford-for-president boom, is dead at his home in Dearborn.

Woman Now Doubts Love of Poisoner

Ardesta Worthey Pleads Not Guilty When Arraigned; Tells Story of Life of Hardship.

Early Trial Expected

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

Broken Bow, Neb., Dec. 2.—Custer county authorities quickly wrote "finis" today to the first chapter in the case of the state of Nebraska against Frank Bruner, 47, and Mrs. Ardesta Northey, 47.

Yesterday Bruner was arraigned and bound over for the murder of his wife, a murder he has confessed in full this morning.

"This morning Mrs. Northey's day in court. Implicated by Bruner in his confession, she was led into the courtroom and jointly charged with him.

Somewhat dazed by the rapidity of events which have led her to a cell in the Broken Bow jail, she stood and listened abstractedly to the reading of the complaint which declares that she supplied Bruner with poison which he placed in his wife's tea.

When the reading was completed she turned to Sheriff Henry Talbot. He explained that by waiving her trial in court she could save much trouble.

Early Trial Date. "Well, I sure ain't guilty," she stoutly declared and was bound over to the district court.

Unless this woman for whom Bruner murdered his wife breaks down and confesses before Monday, when Judge B. O. Hostettler opens district court, the next chapter will be written when attorneys are named to defend the woman and Bruner and the date of trial is fixed.

Neither of the defendants have money to employ attorneys. County officials are firm in their belief that Mrs. Northey will continue her protestations of innocence and when the two face trial Bruner probably will be saved from the electric chair by placing the blame for the murder on Mrs. Northey.

In other words the short-skirted woman of 47, with her bobbed and hennaed hair, will be pictured in court as the "master mind" in the world love story and poisoning which has been unfolding since Monday, when Judge B. O. Hostettler opened district court after drinking a cup of tea in which her husband had placed poison tablets.

Both Sheriff Talbot and County Attorney Shaper believe every word of Bruner's confession. They look upon Mrs. Northey as a desperate, poverty-stricken woman facing old age and willing to sacrifice the life of another woman for a home and the \$180 a month which Bruner earned in the Broken Bow roundhouse. The officers seen in Bruner suffering from an exaggerated case of sex jealousy who feared that in refusing to heed Mrs. Northey's directions that he poison his wife and marry her