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Manners—the final and perfect flower of noble character.—William Winter.

# NEBRASKA IN GRIP OF BLIZZARD

## President Has Hectic Trip West

Visits Stockyards, Then Dines Upon Choice Steak; Gets Great Ovation on Michigan Avenue.

### Returning to Capitol

By PHILIP A. ORME, Universal Service Staff Correspondent. En Route to Washington With President Coolidge, Dec. 4.—With a new sense of the magnitude of Chicago as a city and a distribution center, President Calvin Coolidge and his party are speeding back to Washington tonight following a hectic day of entertainment and inspection.

The president's day, mostly spent amid the urban surroundings of North Michigan avenue, ended in more interesting fashion with a trip through the Chicago stockyards and a dinner in Stockyards Inn where he made a speech dealing with the practical aspects of production and marketing of the nation's grain and livestock supply.

For perhaps the first time in history a president of the United States walked over the narrow runways of the stockyards beneath which airdocks and a multitude of cattle, prize cattle these were brought from far states to form a part of the 25th international livestock exposition.

Then he and his group, including Mrs. Coolidge, repaired to Stock Yards Inn, dined, boarded their car attached to a regular express and started on the return trip to the capital to be completed tomorrow night.

### Great Ovation

A bleak wind, permeated with the inevitable bouquet of the far celebrated stockyards whipped across the runways as the president made his inter-continental tour this afternoon. The dinner, tendered by the management of the exposition, was followed by an entertainment in the arena of the stockyards amphitheatre, a horse show, for steers are not the only animals housed in the yards.

Calvin Coolidge this afternoon received one of the greatest and most spontaneous ovations of his career. His cavalcade of automobiles started from the Drake hotel (a White House for a day) at 3:30 p. m. Down the seemingly endless stretches of Michigan avenue, he and his party, accompanied by officials of the exposition, moved through banked lanes of cheering people. The route down Michigan avenue is a graphic testimonial from the populace of the great city's financial and merchandising heart to the equator of the streets.

Inspecting Other Places. Not content with cursory inspection of the "car lot" pens of prize cattle, the president made several stops at places of interest in the remarkable city which has been built about this enormous livestock receiving and slaughtering plant. He viewed the work of boys and girls clubs and stopped in front of a replica of the home of Shakespeare—serving as a model butcher shop with hundreds of "cuts" orderly ranged.

En route to the stockyards, the president halted before a rude wooden cross behind the towering Wrigley building in North Michigan avenue, opposite the commerce-congested Chicago river. It was here, 250 years ago, that Pere Marquette founded the first white settlement in what was to be the state of Illinois. The celebration is one of the big events of the week in the windy city.

The dinner at Stockyards Inn was a very orthodox affair, as regards the menu. The piece de resistance, of course, was steak. This steak was better than most millionaires' tables might boast—unless their market were in the high councils of the meat producer. It came from one of the finest steers ever slaughtered in the yards and the meat had been frozen for four months.

New Secretary Confirmed. Washington, Dec. 4.—The nomination of Howard M. Gore to be secretary of agriculture was confirmed today by the senate.

We Have With Us Today. Salvatore Pacetta and William J. Spillard, Narcotic Inspectors, Washington, D. C.

These two men are known to uninitiated peddlers and users of narcotics all over the United States. They are members of a five-man squad working out of Washington under Col. L. G. Nutt, head of the narcotic division.

## Jury Acquits Clyde Martin of Murder Charge on Prisoner's 34th Birthday

Deliberation Lasting Only Six Hours Concludes One of Shortest Slaying Trials in Iowa Criminal History; Mother Hears Verdict.

Special Dispatch to the Omaha Bee. Logan, Ia., Dec. 4.—Clyde Martin was found not guilty of a charge of murder by jury in district court here tonight. The jury reached a verdict after deliberating for less than six hours.

It was the jury's present to Martin on his 34th birthday. Martin was accused of having shot to death Sam Parrish at Dunlap on the night of September 3, 1923. He admitted the shooting but contended that it had been in self-defense.

The trial was brief, one of the briefest murder trials in the history of the court. It lasted but four days. Throughout the trial Martin's mother has sat beside him, offering such comfort as she could and sobbing almost continually.

Broke Down on Stand. Martin, affected by his mother's grief, broke down and sobbed when he took the stand in his behalf.

William P. Welch, attorney for Martin, pleaded to the jury for four hours to acquit the man. He summed up the evidence which had been taken, pointing out the facts which would have caused a person to have fired the fatal shots. He told of why his client had hidden from the law for a year. He pointed to the grief-stricken mother and asked "could any man with a mother as devoted as that be a willful murderer?"

Welch, a graduate of Creighton university with the class of 1916, made one of the most appealing addresses ever heard in the little courtroom.

As his four-hour talk drew to a close, the jury began to wipe its eyes. Every member of the jury was in tears.

Harry Robertson, prosecuting the case for the state, thundered at the jury and accused Martin of hiding behind his mother's skirts.

Will Return to Mother. "This man, crouched behind the skirts of a woman, his mother, put Sam Parrish into a narrow cell, why shouldn't he be put in a similar place?" the attorney shouted.

Throughout the day Mrs. Martin sat beside Clyde, tugging at his sleeve and whispering, "Son, this is your 34th birthday. Don't forget it."

Mrs. Martin sat with Clyde again tonight when the jury solemnly filed into the jury box, handed the clerk of court a sealed verdict and agreed that it was the unanimous decision.

Martin will return to his mother's home at once. He made his home with her continually until the night he fled from the officers after the shooting.

## MEMORIAL PLANS FOR WILSON MADE

Washington, Dec. 4.—Final arrangements for the congressional memorial services to be held for Woodrow Wilson in the house chamber Monday, December 15, were completed today by the joint committee of the senate and house, of which Senator Swanson, democrat, Virginia, the war president's native state, was selected as chairman.

The committee to attend the services will be sent to the president and his cabinet. The members of Wilson's cabinet, former Vice President Marshall, Joseph P. Tumulty, secretary to the late president, and the governors of various states, the supreme court and the diplomatic corps as well as ranking officers of the army and navy also will attend.

## AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO VERY ILL

Mexico City, Dec. 4.—The illness of American Ambassador Sheffield has taken a dangerous turn, it is learned today. What appeared at first as a slight stomach ailment has proved to be grave infection of the kidneys with gallstones and a complication of yellow jaundice.

It is now believed that it will be necessary to operate and remove the patient to a lower altitude, if not requiring his return to the United States. The ambassador's physicians said that he "spent a miserable day."

## HEAD OF PANAMA CANAL ZONE HERE

Panama, Dec. 4.—Col. M. L. Walker, governor of the Panama Canal zone, is sailing for the United States to appear before the congressional committee on canal affairs. Col. Harry Burgess will be acting governor during Colonel Walker's absence.

Dates Set for Hearing on Defunct Bank Petitions. Atlantic, Ia., Dec. 4.—Approval of nine petitions filed in the office of the district clerk here by Bruce Townsend, examiner in charge of the defunct Iowa state bank here, is asked of the court. Judge J. S. Dewell set December 5 and 10 as dates for passing on them. On those dates hearings will be held to determine the status of certain accounts, for some of which priority is asked.

Cramton Bill Hearing Refused by Chairman. Washington, Dec. 4.—Requests for hearings on the Cramton bill to in-clude all prohibition administration under a separate bureau were refused today by Chairman Sterling of the senate judiciary committee. He said he would ask for early action on the bill already passed by the house.

## Investors in M. E. Smith Allege Fraud

Stockholders Seek to Recover \$2,600,000 Alleged Due Company From Stock Issue of 1922.

## Leaders Sight Lease of Shoals to Private Firm

Underwood Bill Authorizing Transfer of Project Is Expected to Be Passed by Senate Soon.

By Universal Service. Washington, Dec. 4.—After years of fruitless debate and discussion, disposal of the water power project at Muscle Shoals, Ala., which cost the government \$15,000,000, to private interests is in sight, senate leaders said today.

As a preliminary step the senate will pass, within the next few days, the bill recently introduced by Senator Underwood of Alabama. It authorizes the president and the secretary of war to lease the project to private individuals or corporations, between now and July 1. Should they be unable to execute a satisfactory lease within the time specified, then the project is to be operated by the government.

Dismissed All Day. Senate leaders announced there are four responsible parties and corporations anxious to submit bids under the terms of the Underwood bill. One is a corporation headed by Hamble & Co. of New York, and another the Alabama Power company, to which was leased the Gorgas plant at Muscle Shoals. The other two prospective bidders were not disclosed.

The entire day of the senate was devoted to a discussion of ways and means for the disposal of Muscle Shoals to the best advantage of the government and the people. Senator Norris of Nebraska, chairman of the agricultural committee, opened the debate, saying he presumed that since Ford had withdrawn his offer "that element will be removed from the controversy."

Then Norris launched into a two-hour speech, in which he reviewed at length efforts made by his committee to solve the Muscle Shoals riddle.

Underwood Opposes. He pointed out that the committee had agreed to recommend to the senate a plan which, in effect, meant government operation of the plant, which, he said, he would offer to the senate as a substitute to the Ford offer at the proper time.

The senator maintained that to lease the property to a private person or to a corporation would mean a government subsidy in the production of water power and nitrogen, which would eliminate competition by putting all competitors out of business.

After that was accomplished, he argued, then those in charge of the Muscle Shoals project would be in a position to charge exorbitant prices for their products.

Underwood took vigorous exception to Norris' proposal for government operation of the plants. He argued that private enterprise has won in many instances where government operation has proved a failure.

## EGYPT'S CHAMBER TO BE DISSOLVED

Cairo, Egypt, Dec. 4.—Ziwar Pasha, the premier, today informed the president of the chamber that the government does not intend to advise King Fuad to convene parliament immediately. A petition signed by 113 deputies, requesting the convocation of the chamber, was presented to the king on Wednesday.

London, Dec. 4.—Ziwar Pasha today informed the president of the chamber that the cabinet had decided to dissolve parliament, according to the newspaper, Al-Ahram, quoted by the Cairo correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, who adds: "A royal decree dissolving parliament is expected tomorrow."

## E. J. SAILSTAD DENIED PAROLE

Greenbay, Wis., Dec. 4.—Edward J. Sailstad, serving a four-year sentence for arson in the Wisconsin state reformatory here, was denied a parole today by the state board of control because of the grave nature of his offense, it was said.

Doctors to Hold Meeting at Clarinda State Hospital. Shenandoah, Ia., Dec. 4.—Dr. J. F. Banning of Yorktown is president, and Dr. J. F. Aldrich, secretary of the Page County Medical association which holds its annual meeting Thursday at the Clarinda state hospital. There will be a program based on the topic of public health.

## Abolition of 39 Land Offices Voted Down

Washington, Dec. 4.—A section proposing abolition of 39 land offices was eliminated today from the Interior department appropriation bill by the house. The vote was 68 to 47 on the amendment, offered by Representative Sinnott, republican, Oregon, to strike out the section.

## Code Used in "Dope Ring" Is Revealed

Narcotic Agent, Testifying in House Trial, Says Defendant Sent Telegrams Ordering Narcotics.

## Woods Brothers Named State Wins First Round

Omaha, as one of the centers in a nationwide drug ring, Sam House as one of the "kings" of the ring, was the basis of the testimony Thursday in the trial of House, Pat Burkley and Frank O'Neil before United States Judge Woodruff.

The links with which the prosecuting officers hope to entangle House and the other defendants, are Shiefly words. They are tell-tale words however, and the use of them, charged against the defendants, is alleged to prove first that Omaha is on the "big circuit" in the underworld of dope, and that Sam House is one of the leaders in a national plot to evade the Harrison drug act, which has for its purpose the stamping out of the illicit trade in morphine, cocaine and other drugs, the use of which is so largely chargeable to the present crime waves throughout the country.

Code Words Revealed. The tell-tale words, which are the basis of the conspiracy evidence, are: "Merchandise," "mirrors," "cups," "mattresses," all of them, it is charged being part of a secret code. These words, it is charged, were used by House in telegrams to New York which sought to unravel the code, the use of a word beginning with "m" means that morphine is desired, whereas a word beginning with "c" is notice to the dope ring headquarters that cocaine is wanted.

In addition to the plans for the revealing of this secret code, two other important steps were taken Tuesday which will have a bearing on the case and which the prosecutors hope will result in a conviction of "Kings" House and the breaking up of the ring in Omaha.

These steps were as follows: First, Judge Woodruff admitted in evidence, over the strenuous opposition of defense attorneys, certain statements made by the defendants at the time of their arrest. These statements, it is believed, will still further tighten the coils around the defendants as "conspirators."

Second, the jury which is listening to the evidence will continue to be locked up at night and during adjournments of the trial. This is for the purpose of making sure that no attempt will be made to corrupt the jury.

Third, the jury was permitted, upon the plea of the prosecution, to take a trip through that section of Omaha's underworld, where the government witnesses say they first took up the trail of the defendants, and where they followed it to the conclusion that finally resulted in their arrests.

## DEATH PENALTY ASKED IN TRIAL

St. Louis, Dec. 4.—The death penalty for Lem Motlow, wealthy Tennessee distiller, was demanded by Circuit Attorney Sidener in his opening statement to the jury this afternoon in Motlow's trial on a charge of murdering Clarence T. Pullis, Pullman conductor, last March 17.

Judge Hamilton ruled against a delay in the trial, asked by the state in an effort to obtain the presence as a witness of C. P. Harry of Grover, N. C., a passenger on the sleeping car when the shooting of Pullis occurred.

## STOCK SALES TOP 2,000,000 AGAIN

New York, Dec. 4.—For the fifteenth time since election day, total stock sales today crossed the 2,000,000 mark in a wild burst of bullish enthusiasm that carried about 75 stocks, nearly half of them rails, to new high levels for the year. Net gains in the active issues ranged from 1 to 7 points.

## Bill to Provide New Department

Washington, Dec. 4.—A bill providing for the creation of an executive department of education and relief was introduced today by Chairman Dallingier of the house education committee.

A secretary, appointed by the president, would head the department, aided by three assistants heading education, public health and veterans relief agencies, which would take over the duties of numerous bureaus now under the jurisdiction of other departments. Representative Dallingier said the bill was drawn along lines approved by the White House.

## Schooner Discovered Abandoned by Crew

New York, Dec. 4.—The oil tanker Shenandoah today reported by radio to coast guard headquarters here that the schooner Rachel W. Stevens had been sighted 60 miles south of Cape Hatteras this morning abandoned by the crew and in waterlogged condition.

The schooner, carrying a crew of 19 men and commanded by Captain Martin Hansen, was bound from Jacksonville, Fla., to Philadelphia with a cargo of lumber.

## Coast Guard Cutter to Help Ship in Distress

New York, Dec. 4.—The coast guard cutter Seneca today was dispatched to the aid of the four-masted schooner Blue Bird, which was first reported in distress about 300 miles southeast of Cape Hatteras on Thursday day.

## Activities of Piggly Wiggly Manager in Seeking Girls for Chorus Probed

Arrested and Held for Investigation After Complaint Is Lodged With Welfare Bureau; Discover Names of 45 Stage Struck Maidens.

The complaint of a girl, who aspired to a position in the chorus, to the Welfare board resulted Thursday night in the arrest of Melvin Morris, manager of the Piggly Wiggly store at Twenty-fourth and Lake streets.

Morris, after telling his story to the police, was held for investigation. The girl told officials of the Welfare board that she had answered an advertisement seen in an Omaha newspaper for girls who wanted to go on the stage. The address given in the advertisement, she said, was 535 South Twenty-fourth street.

When she arrived at the address she was met by Morris who invited her into the house. There he told her that she must be measured. She agreed and proceeded to measure her from head to foot.

Uses Tape Measure. "I must do this to see whether or not your figure will conform to that of a successful chorus girl," Morris is said to have told the girl.

When nothing definite came of the call the girl went to the Welfare board and complained. After an investigation had been started, 20 girls who had applied for stage positions came to the Welfare board and told of their experiences.

Morris told police that he had met a man by the name of Al Scott, manager of the Star Musical company. This company had planned to organize a show in Des Moines, Omaha, Kansas City and St. Louis.

To Get \$1 a Measurement. Scott, Morris said, hired him to find some girls to fill vacancies in the cast. Scott explained that the girls' figures should conform with certain measurements. He declared he was to be paid \$1 for each measurement.

Two brothers of Scott, W. C. and G. C., and a man named Joe Miller were mentioned in connection with the project, Morris said.

The conference which Morris had with Scott, he said, took place in a Douglas street pool hall.

At the address mentioned in the advertisement police secured 45 applications of girls for stage positions. Many of them stipulated prima donna parts.

A few days later he saw a notice in a Milwaukee paper telling of the death of a girl. Since then he has moved from place to place, pursued, he said, by thoughts of what he had done.

## HOLIDAY PARTIES MAY NOT BE HELD

Indications are that Christmas parties, usually given poor children in all parts of the city will be done away with this year in case the Community Chest does not reach its goal of \$425,000.

According to the Rev. Thomas Casady, pastor of the All Saints church, the annual Christmas offering amounting to between \$350 and \$400 with which approximately 100 children are given a party, will be done away with and the money turned into the chest. "I don't think that it would be right to spend the money in that manner when little children are in actual need of clothing and food," said Rev. Mr. Casady.

The first severe storm of the season has worked a hardship upon the relief giving agencies of the chest and yesterday more than 500 calls for assistance were received by the Salvation Army, the Associated Charities and the Visiting Nurse association.

## 30 ARRESTED FOR FAKE PASSPORTS

Bucharest, Dec. 4.—Thirty senators and deputies of the Roumanian parliament are under arrest in connection with the charges of being implicated in a "passport factory," where false passports were turned out and sold.

Minister of Justice Narzescu was severely attacked in the chamber, charged with having influenced the investigating judge to release several of those arrested.

Minister of the Interior Vaitoianu, has resigned.

## PERSHING GIVEN NEW DECORATION

Washington, Dec. 4.—The new silver star will add to the scintillations of the many decorations on the uniform blouse of General Pershing, retired general of the armies, the War department announced today.

The new decoration is evidence of a citation of gallantry in action against the Spanish forces at San-Jago, Cuba, on July 1, 1898, when Pershing was a first lieutenant in the Tenth cavalry.

## Railroads Crippled by Snowstorms

Telephone Companies Report Heavy Damage Throughout State; Many Towns Are Isolated.

## One Fatality Recorded

A blizzard, the first of the season, held Nebraska in its grip Thursday. A storm, starting from the west, moved over the state late Wednesday. By 6 in the evening it had reached Omaha and a steady rain was falling.

This rain was accompanied by a falling temperature and by midnight telephone and telegraph lines were breaking.

Thursday morning the rain changed first to sleet and then to snow and transportation became a problem. Automobiles skidded and slid about the streets and pedestrians were but slightly more fortunate in moving continuously in one direction.

From all parts of the state came reports of damage.

Only one fatality of the storm had been reported Thursday night. Charles Schulz, 69, Chicago & Northwestern railroad car inspector, was almost instantly killed when he slipped on an icy ladder and fell to the ground. The man landed on his head.

## Wires Snap Under Ice

The ice which formed on trees, telephone and telegraph lines grew heavier and heavier until limbs and wires snapped under the strain. Some towns were reported completely isolated, others were dependent upon makeshift lines of communication.

The Northwestern Bell Telephone company reported many of their lines throughout the state completely out and a great deal of trouble throughout Omaha. There the lines are, for the most part, underground, but where they are above ground they were said to be rapidly breaking. Special crews were at work repairing the damage as rapidly as possible.

The storm is passing over the state slowly. The first reports came from the northwestern section of the state and the same sections were still reporting a raging storm Thursday night.

## Five-Foot Drifts at Kearney

Kearney reported that the storm there was accompanied by a high wind which aided the heavy ice in wrecking communication lines. The snow, wet and sticky, falling and drifting along the roads, blocked all highway transportation.

By the middle of the afternoon Thursday the snow had reached a depth of 10 inches on the level and in places had drifted to a depth of five feet.

Fremont was isolated Thursday morning. Telephone lines were in fact out and telegraph lines were all gone and were not replaced until late in the day, and then only partially. The Fremont Tribune reported that it had been dependent on radio all day for its news dispatches. It was the first time in the history of the publication that the radio had taken its place as a means of communication.

The Chicago & Northwestern railroad reported that poles and wires all along its lines were down and communication was something to wish for.

## Trains Stalled

At Norfolk two feet of snow had fallen by dark Thursday. The story from there was the same as from every other point. The storm started as a steady rain. A falling temperature accompanied the rain and the resulting ice, together with the snow which began to fall Thursday morning, wrecked communication line after communication line until the town was nearly isolated.

From all about the state came reports of stalled trains. The drifts were so heavy that it was almost impossible to force the trains through them. The high wind which accompanied the snow drove the drifts tightly into every hollow and valley, across roads and railway tracks.

The Northwestern Bell Telephone company reported that most of their trouble was west of Omaha. While a few lines were out in the vicinity of Council Bluffs most of the trouble was either in Omaha, one line from the west or on lines going out of Omaha. But one long distance line was open Thursday night, the line to Sioux City. It was impossible to call Chicago from Omaha except in a roundabout way.

Sioux City received its share of the storm. Ten inches of snow had fallen there by 8 Thursdays night. A falling temperature was also reported from that point and from several points in South Dakota came reports of sub zero weather.

The storm found some hearty supporters. The school children went to school Thursday morning with sleds and when school closed in the afternoon every hill was filled with coasters.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 4.—A storm sweeping eastward from the Rocky Mountains brought the first siege of winter in a wide area of the middle and southwest tonight with numerous interruptions to the westward.

### The Weather

For 24 hours ending 7 p. m. December 4, 1924.

Hour	Temp.	Wind	Clouds	Humidity	Pressure
8 A. M.	32	W	100	95	30.0
9 A. M.	32	W	100	95	30.0
10 A. M.	32	W	100	95	30.0
11 A. M.	32	W	100	95	30.0
12 M.	32	W	100	95	30.0
1 P. M.	32	W	100	95	30.0
2 P. M.	32	W	100	95	30.0
3 P. M.	32	W	100	95	30.0
4 P. M.	32	W	100	95	30.0
5 P. M.	32	W	100	95	30.0
6 P. M.	32	W	100	95	30.0
7 P. M.	32	W	100	95	30.0