

Mitchell Failed to Obey Orders

Weeks Says Coolidge Warned Air Officer Against Magazine Writing.

Washington, Feb. 28.—Secretary Weeks today told the house aircraft committee that Brigadier General Mitchell, assistant army air chief, had directly disobeyed President Coolidge's order in writing magazine articles without obtaining the approval of the war department.

The general, Mr. Weeks said, had the articles published without war department approval, despite the fact that President Coolidge had written him cautioning him against it.

After the 1921 tests, Mr. Weeks said the secretary of the navy objected to several articles written by the general, and in order to prevent further controversy with the navy, he was ordered to submit further articles for approval.

Conferred With Coolidge. Last fall the secretary continued, Mitchell went to the White House accompanied by a representative of the Saturday Evening Post to discuss with the president some articles he proposed to write.

The president informed Mitchell he had no objection to the articles provided they were passed upon by the War department and later wrote Mitchell cautioning him against publishing the articles without permission. They subsequently were published, Weeks said, without being submitted to the War department.

Weeks explained he had issued the order regarding Mitchell after the secretary of the navy had objected to the articles on the 1921 tests as "reflecting on the navy."

Denies "Muzzling." "Then there was a case of muzzling?" asked Representative O'Sullivan, democrat. "Correctly," answered the secretary.

"No, it was not," answered the secretary. "What was it?"

"He might have printed everything he wrote if it had been submitted." "Then there is no muzzling?"

"No." "Didn't you tell General Mitchell you were going to remove him?" asked Representative Drall, democrat, New York.

"I did not. I never told him any such thing as that."

"Didn't you threaten to order him away?"

"I did not." "The war secretary then added that neither he nor the president had the authority to force General Mitchell to resign."

Tangle Over "Fighting Planes." "How many first-class planes have we?" asked Representative Drall.

"What is your definition of a first-class plane, one built this year?" countered the secretary.

Drall gave a long definition. "Then every machine on the list is a fighting machine," answered Weeks.

"You wouldn't say that?" "That is what the chief of the air service says."

"Does he know?" "Says Patrick Knows."

Weeks answered by saying that Major General Patrick was well informed about the aircraft situation except in regard to Japan.

"Has any other officer been abroad to obtain such information besides Mitchell?"

"I don't think so."

"If he is the one man who knows more first-hand information from Europe?"

"He knows more from personal observation. He didn't get much from Japan."

Asked whether he meant to give the impression "that we have 1,502 serviceable airplanes," Mr. Weeks replied:

"Oh, no."

"Then 1,502 includes all?" "Exactly."

He added that the army has 825 "serviceable" planes and 764 classed as in storage.

AIR MAIL "TRUCK" IN SERVICE SOON

New York, Feb. 28.—The Curtiss Aeroplane and Motor company announced today the production of the first flying "truck" for the air mail, capable of carrying half a ton of mail, or about 40,000 letters, or parcel post and express packages.

It is to be flown in night service between New York and Chicago, beginning some time in the spring. Using a Liberty motor, it is so designed as to carry at decreased expense and increased speed twice the load of the present air mail planes.

The new aircraft is called the "carrier pigeon" and is a biplane with a deep body resembling somewhat a commercial truck. It has a speed of two miles a minute and will make altitude at 1,000 feet a minute reaching its service ceiling at 15,000 feet, and permitting it to top the highest mountain ranges. It can fly 500 miles without a stop and fully loaded weighs two and one-half tons.

FIVE ARRESTED IN LIQUOR RAIDS

Arlton, Feb. 27.—State officials assisted the local officers in liquor raids in the vicinity of Cedar Rapids and Primrose. Five men were arrested, several stills confiscated and a lot of mash and liquor destroyed. Two of those arrested pleaded guilty and were assessed the usual fines. Three were bound over to district court for trial. The men arrested were Paul Olufsen, Frank Matys, Charles Matys, Henry Hartman and Frank Kusak.

YOUTH TRIES TO WRECK TRAIN

Solon, Ia., Feb. 28.—An attempt was made to wreck Rock Island passenger train No. 19 here last night by throwing the switch. The train was stopped as it reached the block.

A young man who gave the name of McCain is under arrest. He was found barricaded in an empty bunk car. He confessed, the marshal said.

89th Division Meeting. The Omaha chapter of the 89th Division War society will meet at 7:45 p.m. Tuesday in the council chamber at the city hall.

Water Color Views of Omaha Done by Local Artist to National Show



Louis W. Smetana with paintbox and brush working on a water color. 1. A late winter scene in Elmwood park. 2. A river scene on the bluffs of Riverview park. 3. Skyline of Omaha as seen from Carter lake.

By ELIZABETH GOULD Views of Omaha in water color will be exhibited in New York in April at the convention of the American Institute of architects and the Architectural league.

Brown Park Kindergartern Orchestra, Ready to Perform



Here are the members of the Brown park kindergartern orchestra in full costume ready to perform. They are, first row, left to right: Clarence Bingley with drum, John Simonsen with cymbals, Bernice Garellek with tambourine, Mildred Janda with tambourine, and Lewis Radl with castanet. Second row, left to right: Henrietta Tesohldek with wood-bass, Ruth Swanson with triangle, Frances Tesohldek with tambourine, Joe Zeleny with castanet, and Lilian Novotny, bell.

By ELIZABETH GOULD. One of the most picturesque kindergartern groups in the Omaha public schools is the Brown park school kindergartern orchestra with its 10 players. They wear bright red capes and caps with white trimmings when they perform. These costumes were made for them by Miss Frances McCann, the kindergartern director of the school. With tambourines, cymbals, drum and castanets, they take part in school festivities such as George Washington programs, Christmas entertainment, or for a visitors' day. These orchestras for the kindergartens now number 25 in Omaha, said Mrs. Orietta Chittenden, kindergartern supervisor.

Oldest Merchant Retires From Business at Minden

Minden, Feb. 27.—C. Peterson, oldest merchant in Minden, has sold his hardware store interests to the Smith Hardware and Furniture company of Ray, Colo. Mr. Peterson came from Denmark and after working in various parts of the United States, home-steaded and opened a hardware store at Minden. During the last 15 years he has been a resident of San Diego, Cal., and his sons conducted his business here.

Farm Sells at \$200 an Acre

Beatrice, Feb. 27.—The Henry Fishbach 40-acre tract adjoining the city on the west was sold to John Penner of this city for \$200 an acre. The tract is unimproved and Mr. Penner will farm it in connection with his other places.

Advertisement for Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, featuring a portrait of W.B. Caldwell, M.D. and the text 'WHEN CONSTIPATED TAKE DR. CALDWELL'S SYRUP PEPSIN'.



chapter of architects. These water colors have all been painted recently by Smetana from views in the city limits.

Only one water color, a scene of the skyline of Omaha from Carter lake has been on exhibition. The other two paintings, one a scene taken in late winter in Elmwood park, and the other a view of the river between the bluffs at Riverview park, have never been shown.

The artist received high commendation for the skyline of Omaha done in water color when it was placed on exhibition in the Nebraska Artists' exhibit of 1923 at the public library. Smetana has received a number of offers for his water colors but has never permitted a price to be placed on them.

Mark Levings is chairman of the committee in charge of the exhibit to be sent to the convention from Nebraska. Thomas R. Kimball, architect, in whose office Smetana is employed, will attend the convention.

The collection of water colors Smetana now has in his home have all been done since the Omaha tornado in 1913. His entire collection was ruined by the tornado.

"All architects study the art of water color in order to make preliminary drawings of buildings," said Smetana.

LANDLORD TAKES PROWLER SUSPECT

Glenn Gibson, 1925 South Forty-ninth street, was held for further investigation last night after he had been arrested following his capture by Charles Mann, 320 North Fifteenth street.

Mann told police that the youth was attempting to climb in a third floor window when he saw him. Mann grabbed the intruder by the coat collar, dragged him through the window and then called police.

Legislators Inspect Custodial Home at York

York, Feb. 27.—A committee of members of the state legislature made a visit of inspection to the state custodial home at York Friday to become acquainted with the needs of the institution.

ADVERTISEMENT. To Peel Off Freckled, Blotchy, Pimpled Skins

As March winds, flying dust and dirt, are apt to induce any complexion, this information will be of special value right now. If you have any cutaneous blemish, it's easy to remove the disfigurement with ordinary merozized wax. Applied nightly, the wax gradually removes freckles, pimples, moth patches, sallowness or any surface eruption. The affected article is absorbed, a little each day, until the clear, soft, young and beautiful skin beneath is brought wholly to view. Ask the druggist for one ounce of merozized wax, use like cold cream at night, and wash off in the morning.

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Two Omaha Women Born in Pioneer Covered Wagons, One at 24th and Ames When Mercury Was 18 Below Zero

Mrs. A. L. Root Believes She Is Oldest Native Omaha Woman Still Living Here.

By EDWARD BLACK.

The whereabouts of a certain Sally are being interrogated quite generally in a popular song which is going the rounds. A village cutup sought to clear up the mystery the other day by replying that she is in "The Covered Wagon."

Be that as it may about Sally being selected in this antiquated vehicle, there are at least two Omaha women who were born in covered wagons. One is Mrs. A. L. Root, 421 Lincoln boulevard, and the other is Anna Kansas Bowman, 124 South Thirty-first avenue. Both are well known in the council of Omaha pioneers, being members of the Douglas County Association of Nebraska Pioneers, and both began their residence here the year after Omaha was incorporated.

Mrs. Root was born December, 27, 1857, in a wagon at Thirty-fourth street and Ames avenue, when that section of Omaha was known as "Saratoga," being a community which at that time was ambitious to become a town in its own right, as against the then existing towns of Omaha and Florence.

Miss Bowman was born seven months earlier in a covered wagon at McGee's camping grounds, Kansas City, Mo., while her parents were en route overland to Omaha. She arrived in Omaha in 1857, and has lived here about half a year longer than Mrs. Root.

Oldest Native Daughter.

Mrs. Root believes she is the oldest living native daughter of Omaha now living here. If she is not, she would like to hear from any other claimant of this honor. She is a daughter of the late Joseph Redman, who was known as "Uncle Joe" Redman. The Redmans came here in the early days from Pennsylvania and traveled by steamboat from St. Louis to Omaha.

The elder Redman established a blacksmith shop at Twenty-fourth street and Ames avenue and later settled



Anna L. Root Anna K. Bowman—RIGHT

on a farm west of Fort Omaha, near Mormon Hollow.

This pioneer Omaha woman who has been Omaha grow from a village to a city, states that she remembers the time when she went to Kansasville, now Council Bluffs, to shop because there were better stores across the river. She has never had the services of a dentist and has never used rouge.

Curfew in Those Days.

"I don't approve of the present-day flappers," she said. "I am not in sympathy with jazz. When I was a girl we kept our places and we were at home at 9 p. m., unless accompanied by our elders. But I suppose times are different now."

Mrs. Root stated that in the old days a hotel at Saratoga was a popular social rendezvous, where the young people and even the elders danced. She said the younger set played "postoffice," when she was a girl. Her husband was born at Nebraska City 63 years ago and has lived in Omaha 50 years.

"Kansas" Middle Name.

Mrs. Root said her parents told her the weather was 18 below zero when

she was born at Saratoga precinct. She was a child when the last of the Mormons left Florence for Utah.

Anna Kansas Bowman was educated at Brownell Hall, which was opened first in the old hotel at Saratoga, referred to by Mrs. Root. The institution was moved into Omaha. Because her parents were on their way in a covered wagon to Omaha when she was born at Kansas City, her second name, "Kansas," was given her.

Her father's wagon was of the old prairie schooner type and was drawn by oxen. Her birthplace was near the site of the present union depot in Kansas City. She lived 42 years in the Bowman home at the northeast corner of Tenth and Dodge streets.

Miss Bowman has a vivid recollection of the occasion when the Missouri river ferry was stuck on a sand bar from 4 p. m. to 8 p. m. She said she carried two canary birds and a pigeon and was riding on a stage coach which was on the ferry.

Miss Bowman served as assistant secretary of the Douglas County association of Nebraska Pioneers for several years.

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