

CRUEL TREATMENT

NORFOLK, NEB., BOY ALLEGED TO BE THE VICTIM OF EXTREME BRUTALITY.

CHARGE MADE BY HIS AUNT

Three-Year-Old Lad's Feet, Allowed to Freeze by Neglect, Amputated in a Futile Attempt to Save His Life—Stepfather in County Jail.

Norfolk, Neb.—Apparently a victim of the most brutal and inhuman treatment at the hands of his mother and stepfather, it is alleged, the tiny body of 3-year-old Kuart Stehr, covered with bruises that tell their own pitiful story of mistreatment at home, will follow to the grave the pair of black and rotted feet which were amputated from the baby's legs last Thursday after they had been allowed to freeze in the Stehr home and had become so infected with gangrene before a physician was called that one of the feet dropped off of its own weight and the other was about to drop off when the surgeon's knife was applied.

The child died Sunday afternoon in the arms of his aunt, who tells a story that convicts both Stehr and his wife of cruelty. Mrs. Stehr failed to appear when notified that the child was dying. The stepfather is in the county jail pending an investigation.

The aunt says little Kuart was made to sleep in a kitchen shed where there was no stove, even in 27 below zero weather. Bruises covering his body are from a strap with which Stehr lashed him, she says.

It was Christmas evening that neighbors noticed the child's feet were suffering. Other children danced about a Christmas tree, but he cried. His father forced him to dance. It must have been before that the two feet had been frozen as he slept in the kitchen shed, it is thought. A neighbor heard the child calling from an outbuilding during the New Year blizzard when the temperature was 27 below zero.

PASSED SPURIOUS BILLS.

Two Members of a Counterfeit Gang Arrested in Pennsylvania.

Seranton, Pa.—Two members of an alleged gang of counterfeiters that government secret service men have been seeking for six months were caught in Taylor, near here. The prisoners are Dartell Gueclce and Deutrie Pietro. The men were arrested, it is alleged, while making small purchases and tendering counterfeit \$10 bills. The police found \$800 in the counterfeits and \$78 of good money on the men. Gueclce and Uietro stated that they were working on a percentage basis.

The counterfeit is a national bank note of a New York bank. It bears the McKinley head and its serial number is "V-113529."

Cincinnati Man Slain by Robber. Cincinnati, O.—Hacked to shreds apparently by a knife or similar weapon and disfigured almost beyond identification, the body of George Washington Hall, a contractor, was found inside the storm door of his residence Sunday. Hall, who had been missing from his home since early last night, was known to have carried a large amount of money, but when his body was found his pockets were searched and only a 5-cent piece found. John Murphy, who had been seen in company with Hall, is being held as a suspect.

Agent Awed by a Gun.

Eric, Kan.—While several persons who were waiting for trains stood in the waiting room of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas depot here, a negro walked in and drawing a revolver forced the station agent to give him the money drawer. The robber then turned and looking at the others in the room for a short time walked out. No trace of the negro has been found, and railroad officials say they do not know how much money was in the drawer.

Kills Wife and Daughter.

St. Joseph, Mo.—James Stratton, a negro butcher, stabbed to death with a butcher knife his wife and her daughter by a former marriage, Amanda Jones, and fled. He was captured in Elwood, Kan., after a chase by officers and laughed when caught. He said he acted in self defense.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Sioux City, Io.—Saturday quotations on the local live stock market were as follows: Top heaves, \$6.50. Top hogs, \$7.75.

Big Fire in Payson, Utah.

Payson, Utah.—A fire which was discovered here a little before midnight Saturday, has destroyed five business houses valued at \$100,000. The fire is still burning, but it is under control.

Given a Light Fine.

Victoria, B. C.—The Japanese who assaulted United Consul Williamson at Dainy last month were convicted and given a light fine, according to news brought by the steamship Oaina from Yokohama.

PLAN TO UNIFY BANKS

SYSTEM OFFERED BY ALDRICH FORMED BY INSTITUTIONS, WITH BRANCHES.

ELASTICITY AS THE OBJECT

Would Be Principal Fiscal Agent of Government, New Financial Houses to Receive Savings—Plan Designed to Provide Money for Business.

Washington.—Senator N. W. Aldrich's "plan for the revision of the national banking legislation," as he calls it, was given publicity Tuesday. It does not contemplate the establishment of a central bank and it is so far from what many have expected Mr. Aldrich to propose that to those who have not been in his confidence it may come as a surprise.

The plan was submitted to the national monetary commission, but Senator Aldrich was not present. His communication was presented to the commission by the vice-chairman, Representative Vreeland of New York.

Far from recommending the establishment of a central bank, Mr. Aldrich expressly disclaims belief in it as calculated to meet the needs of the situation. In his letter of transmittal he says:

"While we have found much that is admirable in the operation of the various government banks of Europe, none of them is applicable to our needs here. The good results which they obtain can, I believe, be reached without the creation of such a central bank. I feel that the plan which is proposed reaches those results without being open to the objections which may well be brought against such an institution."

What Mr. Aldrich does propose is the establishment of the "Reserve Association of America," representing what might be called a federation of local associations formed by national banks. The plan in brief follows:

Local organizations of representatives of banks, formed by not fewer than ten banks, each bank holding stock in the association in proportion to its capital.

Directors elected by these to the board of "branch" associations, one branch for each of 15 financial districts into which the United States would be divided. Each "branch" board would include a certain proportion of men not bankers, but representing industrial, agricultural, commercial and other interests.

The association would be the principal fiscal agent and depository of the government and would fix from time to time the rate of exchange or discount. Eventually its notes would replace those of the national banks. Prime commercial paper, passing up from the banks through the local associations and branches, as well as bonds of the government, could be used as a basis for currency issue.

Two new classes of national banks or departments of banks to be established to receive savings and make loans on real estate and to be in effect national trust companies.

FIVE DIE IN A WRECK

Passengers in Sleeping Car Crushed Under Locomotive at Batavia, N. Y.

Batavia, N. Y.—Five men are dead, two were probably fatally injured and eight others seriously hurt in the wreck of the Western Express and the Boston and Buffalo special, both westbound, at the station here of the New York Central railroad Friday. The victims were all in the rear sleeper of the special.

The engine of train 23, the western express from New York to Chicago, struck the rear of 49, the Boston and Buffalo express, with such force that the last car of No. 49, a sleeper, was crushed.

The engine was reduced to wreckage, beneath which four bodies were found. The mutilation was so great and steam played such havoc that early identification was impossible.

CHERRY RELIEF REPORT MADE

Miners' Widows and Children Paid \$54,594.52—\$214,593.33 Still Left.

Springfield, Ill.—Widows and children of miners who were killed in the Cherry mine disaster of November 13, 1909, have received \$54,594.52 from the Cherry relief fund, according to the report of Secretary Duncan McDonald of the Cherry relief fund commission, following a meeting of the body at Chicago.

The report in detail shows that six children of the miners who were killed have since died, and 11 beneficiaries have gone to Europe. Six of the 142 widows who lived at Cherry just after the accident have remarried, and only 102 reside in the village at the present time. The sum of \$214,593.33 remains in the hands of the commission to be paid to the widows and children of the dead miners.

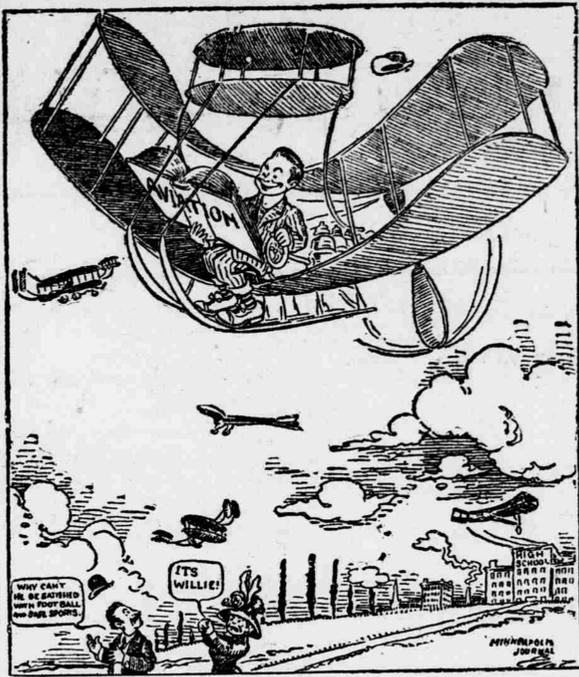
Lodge Victor in Bay State.

Boston.—Henry Cabot Lodge was Wednesday re-elected United States senator by the Massachusetts legislature, enough members of the house changing their votes to give him a majority on joint ballot.

Offers Reward for Lynchers.

Frankfort, Ky.—Governor Willson Wednesday offered a reward of \$500 for the arrest and conviction of each and every member of the mob which lynched two negroes at Shelbyville Sunday, January 14.

HIGHER EDUCATION



The Scientists Think Aviation Should Be Taught in the Schools.

LOST ADMIRAL BARRY

OFFICER ASSERTS HE RETIRES TO AVOID SCANDAL—DENIES HE IS FORCED TO QUIT.

HIS CHARACTER IS ASSAILED

Suggested a Loaded Revolver Be Sent to His Cabin as Way Out of Difficulty—President Taft Approves Application.

San Francisco.—Rear Admiral Edward B. Barry was on Monday relieved as commander in chief of the Pacific fleet, in pursuance of orders received from the navy department at Washington, by Rear Admiral Chauncey M. Thomas, commander of the second squadron of the fleet, who arrived here Monday on his flagship, the California, after a hurried trip from Santa Barbara.

Admiral Barry had requested immediate retirement under the rule of more than 40 years' service.

The cause of Admiral Barry's sudden desire to leave the service after having held the post of fleet commander for only a few months is the subject of a great deal of gossip and speculation in naval and club circles here. Stories reflecting seriously upon the character of the retiring admiral are being circulated widely and naval officers in port have taken cognizance of them. There is an intimation in these stories that the admiral has been forced to retire.

In speaking of these rumors, Admiral Barry said:

"It is not true that I have been forced to retire. Other men have asked for immediate retirement before. The reasons that have caused me to do this are partly public and partly private. The man who is triumphantly vindicated under such circumstances is as much the loser as if the charges were proved to be true. I believe that by requesting immediate retirement I can save a naval scandal."

Washington.—The application of Rear Admiral Barry for retirement has been approved by President Taft and he has been transferred to the retired list of the navy.

This action was taken before the publication of the allegations that officers of the flagship West Virginia contemplated charges against the admiral reflecting upon his moral character.

Corn Growers' Convention.

Champaign, Ill.—These are busy days at the University of Illinois, Monday the annual convention of Corn Growers' and Stockmen and the School for Housekeepers both opened there. Monday, general work in farm mechanics was given the men, and in the afternoon there was corn and stock judging, milk testing, study of soils and a lecture on silos and ensilage.

Constantine J. Erdman Dies.

Allentown, Pa.—Constantine J. Erdman, author of the arbitration labor law, which has been called into play during several important strikes in the past ten years, died at his home here. Mr. Erdman had been in failing health for the past eight years, suffering stroke after stroke of paralysis. He represented this district in congress two terms.

Walter I. Smith for Judge.

Washington.—President Taft Tuesday sent to the senate the nomination of Representative Walter I. Smith of Iowa to be a United States circuit judge of the Eighth circuit. Smith is one of the leading supporters of Speaker Cannon in the house.

Passes a \$93,000,000 War Bill.

Washington.—The army appropriation bill, carrying approximately \$93,000,000, was passed by the house Tuesday following an extended debate over the war readiness of the country.

FLIES FROM SHORE TO SHIP

ELY ALIGHTS SAFELY ON DECK OF CRUISER.

Performance Creates Great Excitement on Board Vessel as Well as at Aviation Field.

San Francisco.—Eugene Ely, the aviator, accomplished a new feat in aerial navigation here Wednesday by flying from land and alighting on the deck of a warship anchored in San Francisco bay. He started at once on the return flight and finished it successfully.

The aviator, with a biplane, started from Salford field, 12 miles below this city, at 10:45 o'clock, and after a beautiful flight of 16 minutes dropped as gracefully as a bird on the deck of the cruiser Pennsylvania.

SHOOTS AT PREMIER BRIAND

Would-Be Assassin Attempts to Slay French Leader and Slightly Wounds Director of Relief.

Paris, France.—The chamber of deputies was thrown into a panic by an attempt upon the life of Premier Briand. Two revolver shots were fired upon the ministerial bench from the public gallery, but the premier was not harmed. One of the shots entered the leg of Leon Mirman, director of the department of public works.

The would-be assassin, who is named Gisolme, formerly clerk of the courts of Bayonne, was pounced upon by police officers and hurried from the place.

An examination of Gisolme convinced the authorities that the prisoner is a madman.

WARSHIP BLAST KILLS EIGHT

Backheaders on Battleship Delaware Blow Out—One Fireman May Die From Injuries.

Washington.—Eight men were killed and one was injured on the United States battleship Delaware, en route from Guantanamo, Cuba, to Hampton Roads.

The following was received at the navy department from Captain Gove describing the accident when the Delaware reached Hampton Roads:

"At 9:20 a. m. three backheaders of boiler O in fireroom No. 4, blew out explosively, killing eight and injuring one, who will probably die, these being all the men on duty in that fireroom. A board of officers was immediately appointed to investigate."

DEATH FOR 24 ANARCHISTS

Japanese Court at Tokyo Sentences Plotters, Including Woman, for Conspiracy.

Tokyo, Japan.—Twenty-five men and one woman charged with conspiracy against the throne and with plotting to assassinate the crown prince and high officials of the empire were sentenced publicly Wednesday by the Supreme court.

Twenty-four of the prisoners, including Denjuro Kotoku, who once lived in America, and his wife, were condemned to death. The other two were sent to prison, one for 11 years and the other for eight years.

Cabman Becomes Multimillionaire.

Mason City, Ia.—The report that Cabman Frank Shirley of Storm Lake had fallen heir to one-fourth of a \$12,000,000 estate was verified Wednesday. From a poor man he comes in possession of \$3,000,000.

Train Kills Parents and Baby.

Marion, O.—Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bauer, each twenty-four years of age, and their baby were killed by a Big Four train Wednesday when they were trying to cross the railroad in a buggy near Agosta.

HITCHECOCK SENATOR

HE GETS 117 VOTES OUT OF 118 VOTES CAST.

HOUSE AND SENATE CHOOSE

House Favors New Orleans for Exposition and Senate Refers Matter to a Special Committee for a Report.

Lincoln.—Gilbert M. Hitchcock is United States senator in every sense of the word except the formal declaration of the fact in the joint session of the legislature at noon Wednesday, and his later swearing in at the national capital. The vote was taken Tuesday in each house of the legislature, each member of each house voting on the candidate whom he pleased to name. Only two candidates were voted for, Mr. Hitchcock and Senator Burkett in the house, while Dan Cook of Beatrice rose to unexpected prominence in the senate by the vote of Senator Peter Jansen for him. In the house Mr. Hitchcock received 87 votes and Senator Burkett 10 votes. Three republicans, Johnson of Johnson, McKelvie of Lancaster and Nutzman of Cass, were absent. In the senate Mr. Hitchcock received 30 votes.

The voting was wholly without preliminary speechmaking. Anderson of Kearney, republican, being the first man to name Congressman Hitchcock. Of the forty-three republicans present in the house thirty-three voted for the democratic candidate without any evident hesitation. Cronin of Holt, republican, first offered an explanation of his vote, and then cast his ballot for Hitchcock. Smith of Boone, also explained his vote and cast it for Senator Burkett.

To Beat Wolf Bounties Brokers. Auditor Barton wants to forestall all attempts to profit at the expense of persons having claims against the state for wolf bounties. The state has repealed the law under which bounties are paid for such scalps, but persons holding claims to the amount of \$30,000 are interested in getting these claims allowed. Mr. Barton says that his office has been besieged for a week by persons who want to secure lists of persons having such claims in order to offer a certain per cent of the real value of such claims for the assignment thereof and thus profit when they are allowed by the state. The auditor has invoked the aid of the chairmen of the finance and the claims committees of both houses to push through these claims at an early date so that he can send out warrants and forestall the intentions of the scalpters.

Removal of University.

Lee of Boyd introduced a resolution similar to one offered in the house for an appointment of a committee of four to meet with a like committee of the house to investigate the proposed removal of the university buildings to the state farm campus and to investigate the needed appropriations of the university. The resolution was seconded by Brown of Lancaster and was adopted. Lieutenant Governor Hopewell said he would announce the committee today. The resolution of Lee calls for the appointment of two members of the committee on finance and two members of the committee on universities and normal schools.

For Tuberculosis Hospital.

Another step in handling the tuberculosis problem is contained in a bill introduced by Bushee of Kimball. This provides for an appropriation of \$100,000 for the erection of a tuberculosis hospital in the western half of the state. Provision is made for the care in the hospital of indigent persons affected with consumption. It is Mr. Bushee's idea that the hospital should be established in one of the far western counties because of the climate and altitude there is similar to that of Colorado and Wyoming, where consumptives have been given a new lease of life.

Senators Oppose Poulson Bill.

The nine or ten republican senators who met last night practically turned down the Poulson county option bill when they agreed that the shorter the bill the better it would suit them. While no formal action was taken, those present expressed themselves in favor of a brief amendment to the Sloumb law.

Getting Their Stamps.

Forty-five cents worth of stamps were handed out in sealed envelopes to each member of the house Tuesday afternoon, this being the apportionment for the week just ended. Each week hereafter the clerk in the chief clerk's office will hand out this amount of stamps to the members. If they use that number, well and good. If they use more than this amount they must "dig down" into their own pockets. If they use less they may "salt them away" for use next summer.

Attempt to Burn Buildings.

Custer County.—An attempt was made to burn the buildings belonging to the county poor farm. Investigation showed a quantity of inflammable materials placed in secreted places about the main building and outhouses. The incendiary was evidently frightened away before completing his work.

Smothered in Cave-in.

Red Willow County.—Alfred Lofvenberg of McCook was smothered and crushed to death by a cave-in at the Filtrcraft sand bank a few miles west of town.

Three Bullets in Body.

Brown County.—Clyde Desilva, Ainsworth's southpaw baseball pitcher, is in bed at Osborn house in Ainsworth with three bullet holes in his body, and Charley Austin is in the county jail charged with the shooting.

ALL OVER NEBRASKA

Jalous Man Kills Wife. Douglas County.—Stirred to mad jealousy by the sight of his wife dancing with other men at the Durant fire department ball, Wallace York forced her to accompany him home and a few minutes later cut her throat from ear to ear with a butcher-knife and then ended his own life in the same manner.

Sent to the Asylum.

Custer County.—The board of insanity passed on the case of Mrs. Nettie Mohatt, who confessed before the coroner's jury to having killed her child by means of carbolic acid. The board examined the woman closely as to her mental condition, and found her incapable of realizing the enormity of her crime. She was sent to the asylum.

Nebraska Checker Tournament.

Lancaster County.—The Nebraska state checker tournament will be held in Lincoln February 7. It will be conducted on the two move restriction plan with the usual openings barred. A purse has been raised by the Lincoln players and this will be divided into the different prizes. All resident players are invited to attend and take part in the contests.

Buffalo County Poultry Show.

Buffalo County.—The Buffalo County Poultry and Pet Stock association closed its annual show at Kearney after a very successful exhibition. Nearly seven hundred entries were made and hundreds of fine blooded fowls were shown. Frank Householder of Newark won the special prize for the highest scored bird, a rose comb White Leghorn owned by him scoring 93-1-3 points.

Mark M. Coad's Will.

Dodge County.—The will of the late Mark M. Coad which is on file in the county judge's office gives a bequest of \$10,000 to the Benson orphanage. Seventy-five thousand dollars is given to Mark O. Coad, of Denver, payable \$5,000 when he attains the age of 25, \$5,000 at 30 and the balance at 35. There are bequests aggregating \$45,000 to relatives in Nebraska, Montana and Ireland and \$25,000 to Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Coad of Omaha.

Otoe County Corn Show.

Otoe County.—The Otoe County corn show, which was held in Nebraska City, was one of the most successful ever held in the county. The exhibits doubled those of any year, both as to farm and school exhibits. The prize for the largest ear of corn was awarded to William Otten of Berlin. It measured fourteen and three-quarter inches. Mary Robirds secured the prize for the heaviest ear, it weighing twenty-six ounces.

Epidemic of Smallpox.

Johnson County.—At the present time there is epidemic of smallpox in many of the towns in southeastern Nebraska. The village of Elk Creek, in Johnson county, has several cases. Tecumseh has had a number of cases but the disease has now disappeared. Cases are reported at Talmage, Auburn and many other places. The disease is in mild form, frequently the patients not being obliged to take to their beds.

Mother Kills Her Baby.

Custer County.—Mrs. Nellie Mohatt, living five miles north of Broken Bow, is under arrest charged with killing her four-week-old baby by administering carbolic acid. Mrs. Mohatt was taken before Coroner Pennington and Prosecutor and confessed that she killed the child. She gave as her reason that she had too many children and that this one was not wanted. The woman is only 23 years old, and is the mother of six children.

Student Plunges to Death.

Buffalo County.—Milton Benner, 14-year-old student at the Kearney Military academy, plunged to his death down a toboggan slide. His foot caught in the runners of the sled, the sled was over-turned, the railing of the incline gave way and he fell to the earth, crushing his skull.

Canning Company's Report.

Adams County.—The Hastings Canning company closed its year's business January 5 and its annual statement shows up well. The company did a very satisfactory business, made several hundred dollars' worth of permanent improvements and paid a dividend to stockholders.

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