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MILITANT IS JAILED AFTER FIERCE CLASH OF COPS AND WOMEN

Annie Kenney, Released from Prison
Following Hunger Strike, Again
in Custody.

JUST STARTING HER SPEECH

Suffragettes Seated About Her Try
to Aid Leader Escape.

DRESSES AND UNIFORMS TORN

Prisoner Rushed to Taxicab Which
Takes Her to Holloway.

NINE PLACED UNDER ARREST

Two Derby Hats and Walking Cane
Captured on Detectives Pat
Up at Auction and Bid-
ding Lively.

LONDON, Oct. 6.—The militant suffragettes were deprived of one of their leaders, Miss Annie Kenney, who was arrested on the platform of a London music hall in the course of a meeting today to mark the commencement of hostilities.

Miss Kenney was released from prison after a "hunger strike" two months ago. She was undergoing a term of eighteen months' imprisonment for conspiracy.

The arrest today brought a scene of wild excitement in the crowded hall. Miss Kenney had just opened her speech with the words: "I hear there are detectives in the wings," when a squad of policemen dashed out on the platform in flying wedge formation.

Catch Miss Kenney.
The women seated around Miss Kenney tried to get between her and the policemen so as to give their leader a chance to escape, but the policemen scattered the resisting women about like nine pins and caught Miss Kenney just as she was preparing to leap from the platform into the orchestra.

As Miss Kenney was seized, yells of protest arose from the hundreds of women filling the hall. There was a wild din, accompanying the short, but fierce, struggle between women who endeavored to rescue Miss Kenney and the officers who had her in custody. She was rushed to a waiting taxicab, which started off, after a final skirmish, to Holloway jail.

The scene in the street in front of the music hall was of the wildest description. The women fought and struggled furiously with the police and their force of clubs and the riot in the policemen's tactics testified to the fierceness of the skirmish.

Throws Self Before Wheels.

One of the women threw herself in front of the wheels of the cab. Others attempted to climb through the windows, and the shrieking militants had to be pulled off by main force.

Eventually a solid phalanx of policemen cleared the way and enabled the cab to start on its journey.

Two men, one of them a clergyman, and seven women were arrested.

Before the adjournment of the suffragettes meeting two derby hats and a walking cane, which had been captured from the detectives by the women, were put up for auction. The bidding was lively. The hats fetched \$25 each and the cane \$12.50.

TRIAL OF DR. BIRNEY BEGINS AT NORA SPRINGS

MASON CITY, Ia., Oct. 6.—(Special.)—Dr. E. E. Birney of Nora Springs is on trial charged with murder in the second degree, causing the death of Miss Mabel Irish. Judge Joseph J. Clark is hearing the case. Possibly two weeks will be occupied in this trial, as it is one of the most sensational cases ever tried in this county, on account of the prominence of the parties involved. Miss Mabel was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Irish of Hopkinton and would have graduated last year from the high school. Dr. Birney is a very successful as well as wealthy practitioner at Nora Springs. Attorney Senoff, who is the leading counsel for the defendant, feels fairly confident that the evidence he has will be sufficient to clear the doctor. Roy Orcutt is to be one of the first witnesses the state will call. He is the young man involved in the case. According to the report it is stated that he will testify that he wanted to marry the girl, but Mabel's father and mother objected.

Rear Admiral Doyle Ordered to Pacific

WASHINGTON, Oct. 6.—Rear Admiral R. M. Doyle was detached from command of the Norfolk navy yard today and ordered to command the Pacific reserve fleet. Rear Admiral A. M. Knight was detached from command of the Atlantic reserve fleet and placed in command of the Newport, R. I., naval station. Rear Admiral W. B. Caperton was detached from command of the Narragansett station and ordered to command the Atlantic reserve fleet. Rear Admiral Alfred Reynolds was transferred from command of the Pacific reserve fleet to Washington as a member of the examining board.

The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Tuesday:
For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity
Unsettled with showers; cooler.
Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.

Hour	Temp.
6 a. m.	54
7 a. m.	56
8 a. m.	58
9 a. m.	60
10 a. m.	62
11 a. m.	64
12 m.	66
1 p. m.	68
2 p. m.	70
3 p. m.	72
4 p. m.	74
5 p. m.	76
6 p. m.	78
7 p. m.	80
8 p. m.	82
9 p. m.	84
10 p. m.	86
11 p. m.	88

FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE NEW "REPUBLIC OF CHINA"



YUAN SHI KAI.

YUAN SHI KAI IS ELECTED Statesman Chosen First President of Republic of China.

MANY YEARS IN PUBLIC LIFE He Took Prominent Part in Reor- ganization of Army and Was Pro- visional President During Formation of Republic.

PEKING, Oct. 6.—Yuan Shi Kai was today elected president of the Chinese republic for a term of five years. He received the necessary two-thirds vote of the united houses of Parliament on the third ballot.

Of the 550 members of the house of Representatives and Senate 750 were in attendance. On the final ballot Yuan Shi Kai received 397 votes, only one more than the necessary two-thirds. Li Yuan Heng, provisional vice president, received 178 votes. The other ballots were scattered among twenty minor candidates. Li Yuan Heng, it was declared had asserted that he would not take the nomination.

The announcement of the result was received with enthusiasm. The proceedings lasted twelve hours. The constitution of the republic provides that at least two-thirds of the members of Parliament must cast their votes for a candidate in order to accomplish his election. It also calls for the presence at a presidential election of three-fourth of the members of both houses.

In all parts of the country the greatest interest was manifested in the first presidential election in the history of the new republic. The new president will hold office for five years.

When the united houses of Parliament came together this morning the register recorded 750 representatives present. The first ballot took a considerable time, owing to the fact that the deputies and senators were not familiar with the proceedings. The candidates included, beside provisional President Yuan Shi Kai, Tsai Yuan Heng, a "dark horse"; Li Yuan Heng, former Chinese minister at Washington; and Dr. Sun Yat Sen, leader of the republican movement.

Yuan Long in Official Life.

Yuan Shi Kai, first president of the Chinese republic, is 54 years old. He was born in the province of Ho-Nan in 1859. During most of his adult life he has been in official life. At the age of 23 he was sent with a Chinese detachment to Korea and three years afterward became Chinese imperial resident at Seoul. He remained there twelve years, until he was expelled during the Chinese-Japanese war.

On his return to China he occupied various provincial posts until 1902, when he became consulting minister to the government. Yuan Shi Kai took a prominent part in the reorganization of the Chinese army on modern lines and in the closing years of the empire became one of the most influential and powerful statesmen. He was always thoroughly practical in his methods of administration and by this means worked his way up to the premiership in 1911. Early in 1912 it was he who was given full powers to arrange the terms of abdication of the throne and to organize a republican government in conference with the republican leaders. Shortly afterward, in February, he was elected provisional president by the national council at Nanjing and took the oath of office on March 10.

Country Bankers Meeting at Boston

BOSTON, Oct. 6.—The meeting of country bankers here today stood out as the first important event in connection with the thirty-ninth annual convention of the American Bankers' association which has brought to Boston nearly 5,000 bankers from all parts of the United States. Today's meeting was called for the purpose of discussing the currency bill now before congress.

"Thus far," said Gordon Jones, president of the First National bank of Littleton, Colo., and one of the signers of the call, "the bill has been considered mainly from the viewpoint of the large banks in the reserve cities. It is desired to give the country bankers an opportunity to consider certain features which apply particularly to their own business. By country banks is meant the small banks, those of \$50,000 capital and less, the little fellows in the one and two bank towns, out on the agricultural and industrial fringe line. Such banks compose at least 75 per cent of all the banks of the United States."
"Consideration of the currency bill is expected to be the dominant feature of the regular sessions of the association which open Wednesday.

HITCHCOCK PLAYED BY CHAIRMAN

Representative Charles Nebraskan
for Opposition to Pending Cur-
rency Measure.

HE IS "CURIOUS TO KNOW"
Wonders Where "Several Hundred
Amendments" Will Be Attached.

TALKS OF CRUSADE AGAINST BILL
Says Senator Has Specified but Four
Objections So Far.

"FIGMENT OF THE IMAGINATION"
Assertion Commercial Credits Would
Be Frightfully Contracted With-
out Passage of Basis, De-
clares House Leader.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 6.—Representative Carter Glass, chairman of the house committee on banking and currency, issued a statement tonight criticizing the opposition to the pending currency bill of Senator Hitchcock, a democratic member of the senate committee on banking and currency. He said he was quite "curious to know" to what provisions of the measure the Nebraska senator was to attach the "several hundred amendments" which he speaks in the rather persistent newspaper crusade against the bill.

Thus far, Mr. Glass declared, Senator Hitchcock "ventures to specify but four objections to the bill as it passed the house," and asks for more time in which to consider the subject. Asserting that the senate committee had possession of the currency bill before the house committee, he suggested that "it would not be exactly fair for the house to assume, merely because Senator Hitchcock is unprepared to act, that those who now have the matter in charge have not had even more time and better opportunities than the house committee to study the subject and give it definite form and substance."

Concerning some of Senator Hitchcock's objections to the bill, Representative Glass said in part:

"The assertion that the bill as it passed the house would 'frightfully contract commercial credits,' even temporarily, is a figment of the imagination. It has not one particle of basis and no capable actuary with any regard for his intellectual integrity would reach any such conclusion.

"As to the talk of an ultimate period of 'wild inflation' it is curious to note Senator Hitchcock in his plea for delay finds himself in exact accord with two republican members of his committee who attached their signatures to the Aldrich scheme providing for a possible inflation of the currency to the extent of \$6,000,000,000.

"The intimation of the distinguished Nebraska senator that he intends to amend the currency bill by compelling regional reserve banks to discount the obligations of member banks, thus stripping the regional banks of their discretion, as I interpret his suggestions, will interest both the scientific student and the practical banker to the very highest degree. One of the most vehement criticisms that the public bill encountered in the entire process of consideration related to the power of the reserve board to require, in time of emergency and under severe restrictions, one regional reserve bank to rediscount the prime paper of other regional reserve banks, of which there are to be only twelve. Yet now, as I understood from Mr. Hitchcock, he is to open the throttle and in the ordinary course of business transactions compel regional banks indiscriminately to rediscount paper and to issue currency and credits to perhaps 10,000 member banks.

"Powers of Reserve Board.
"No feature of the currency bill received greater attention or more serious consideration and none was more extensively discussed than the provision having to do with the powers of the federal reserve board. These powers do not comprehend, except suggestively, the routine function of banking. There is but one of them which has not been exercised, fully or approximately for fifty years by the secretary of the treasury or the comptroller of the currency."

The statement charged that some of the witnesses who appeared before the senate committee were prompted by bankers as to what they were to say and the instance of "a great merchant of the country who had been told to come to Washington to give the seeds of discontent" with the house bill by declaring to the senate committee, as Mr. Hitchcock has declared to the country, that it "involved a tremendous contraction of commercial credits."
This testimony, Mr. Glass said, was absurd and he added the merchant who gave it, afterward admitted that he was "coached" and that he had not even read the bill.

Representative Glass concluded with a statement that he had hesitated to make any criticism of committee proceedings on the senate side and that he would not have spoken at all had the senator from Nebraska confined his observations to his committee room.

Slingsby Baby Case Reopened

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Oct. 6.—The so-called "Slingsby baby" case, involving \$50,000 a year income from a Yorkshire, England, estate, and a charge of baby-substitution by Lieutenant and Mrs. Charles Raymond Slingsby, in order to get this income, is to be reopened. It was learned today that A. Carnegie Ross, British consul in San Francisco, has been appointed by the high court of chancery in England to take testimony on the subject, and the final disposition of the estate is said to hinge upon this proceeding.
The Slingsbys live in Vancouver, B. C., and are British subjects.
Over a year ago the case attained international note when the Slingsbys claimed the estate, were opposed by Lieutenant Slingsby's brother, who said that their alleged wife was the child of a California school girl, who gave it away. This would invalidate Slingsby's claim under the will.

His Ear to the Ground



Drawn for The Bee by Powell.

HONEY CREEK BANK ROBBED Safecrackers Blow Open Safe in Iowa Town and Get \$2,212 in Cash.

ESCAPE ON A VELOCIPEDE

Trails of Two Men Are Found Lead-
ing to Northwestern Right-of-
Way, Where They Hoarded
Means of Conveyance.

Two safecrackers secured \$2,212 from the Stockman bank at Honey Creek, Ia., at 3 yesterday morning. There were two muffled explosions, which awakened a teamster who thought it was his horses kicking against the side of the barn. A further investigation revealed that the bank-door nearby was open and several townspeople were called by the teamster.

The sheriff at Council Bluffs was then notified and the authorities examining the work pronounced it that of professionals. Some of their tools were found and the trail of two men led to the side of the Northwestern railroad right-of-way, where it was evident they made their getaway on a velocipede.

Thomas L. Davis, cashier of the First National bank of Omaha is said to be the heaviest stockholder in the Honey Creek institution.

State Board Would Delay Construction of Norfolk Building

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Oct. 6.—(Special.)—According to Chairman Henry Gerdes of the State Board of Control, there is a disposition on the part of the state board to delay the construction of the new building at the state hospital for the insane at Norfolk until a later date in view of the fact of the low ebb of funds in the state treasury and the fact that it is believed possible to take care of the insane of north Nebraska in other ways until the board sees its way clear to erect the building.

The last legislature appropriated \$82,000 for this purpose and since that time the Board of Control has taken charge of the institution of Nebraska and has been outlining plans for their care. Funds have been rather slow in coming in to the treasury and Chairman Gerdes has given expression to the proposition for delay. It is declared, simply to permit the construction of buildings no faster than the state's funds are gathered in.

He intimates that with the new building now being completed at Lincoln's asylum, the proposition of caring for the state's insane will be an easier one for the immediate future.

NORFOLK, Neb., Oct. 6.—(Special Telegram.)—People familiar with the Norfolk insane hospital situation were amazed to read today the statement of Chairman Gerdes of the State Board of Control declaring that the building for which the last legislature appropriated \$50,000 would not be built because the board deemed it unwise to issue any more state warrants.

Million-Gallon Tank of Oil is Burning

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Oct. 6.—Burning at the rate of five inches an hour the 1,000,000-gallon crude oil tank of the Standard Oil company, which caught fire yesterday, will still be blazing at noon tomorrow, according to present estimates. Tank after tank of naphtha, stove oil and distillate has been consumed, and the loss, it is said, will be \$500,000. A tank containing 250,000 gallons of gasoline was momentarily expected to explode today.

Mr. Elliott Blames Investigations for New Haven Troubles

NEW YORK, Oct. 6.—The New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad during the year ending June 30, 1913, spent \$4,157,622 more than it earned. The annual report made public yesterday by Howard Elliott, the new president of the system, explains this deficit and tells what has been done and what is in prospect to meet the adverse criticism of which the railroad lately has been the target.

President Elliott says that while the earnings for the first few months of the fiscal year were the greatest in the history of the company for a similar period, the net results of the year, compared with 1912 show a large decrease, due to "heavier operating expenses, which reflect principally the expenditures made by the company to put the property and equipment in better condition to handle business safely and promptly, and to pay increased wages."

In further explanation of these figures President Elliott goes on to say: "The unfortunate accidents at Westport, Conn., on October 3, 1913, at Stamford, Conn., on July 12, 1913, and at North Haven, Conn., on September 2, 1913, the continued investigations for several years of the company and its operations and the resulting demoralization and expenditures made the year one of unusually heavy outlays.

"While the human factor was one cause for the deplorable accidents referred to, the management did not attempt to evade its full responsibility and the efforts of the officers and employees were and are being systematically devoted to raising the railroad and service to higher standards of efficiency and discipline, all necessitating larger expenditures and higher wages."

After paying dividends of \$1,787,000 on the stock of the New Haven road proper and of the subsidiary companies publicly owned, the company ended the year with the deficit of \$4,157,622.

Alaskan City Almost Destroyed by Storm

NOME, Alaska, Oct. 6.—Nome has been almost destroyed by a storm. All the south side of Front street is gone. The sand spit is gone.

Two miles of territory next to the sea was devastated. No lives were lost. The storm that began last night setting in from Behring sea was the worst ever known here. Men and women worked all night in the icy water to save their household effects. The electric light plant was wrecked and telephone service cut off. The loss is estimated at \$1,500,000.

There will be much suffering, and outside help will be required. Winter is at hand and it will be impossible to get in supplies needed.

Aigrettes on Women's Hats Are Seized

WASHINGTON, Oct. 6.—A woman entering the United States wearing an aigrette on her hat violated the new tariff law just as much as a man with a pound of opium in his pocket. That is the unofficial view of officials here who have asked the New York customs house for details of seizures of plums from hats of trans-Atlantic passengers there Saturday.

Fourteen Killed in Wreck in Russia

DVINSK, Russia, Oct. 6.—Fourteen passengers were killed and twenty-eight injured today when the express train from Kiev to St. Petersburg collided with a stalled locomotive near the station here.

ALL TALKING GOOD ROADS County Maps Prepared for Meeting at Central City.

COUNTY CONSULS ARE NAMED Vice President Pardington of the Lincoln Highway Association Will Speak at Central City, Lincoln and Omaha.

County maps of the sections of the transcontinental highway through Nebraska are to be presented at the meeting of the Platte Valley Highway association at Central City Wednesday, when the matter of building the Nebraska section of the Lincoln Memorial Highway will come up. This is to be one of the big meetings in connection with the building of the transcontinental highway. H. E. Fredrickson, state consul for Nebraska for the Lincoln Memorial Highway association, has appointed a county consul for every county through which the highway has been tentatively laid out.

Mr. Fredrickson says these county consuls have been consulted with their respective county engineers with regard to the most desirable route. These routes are to be brought to Central City to the convention and laid before the house for consideration. They are instructed to keep the road as near the Union Pacific line as possible on the theory that the Union Pacific has selected the best route through Nebraska.

To Stake Out Road.
When these various county maps have been thrashed over and the route in detail is decided upon through Nebraska, the chief engineer of the Lincoln Memorial Highway association is to be called out from Detroit to go over the ground and stake out the road.

Harry Lawrie is the Douglas county consul who is to attend the meeting. Many others interested in the road from Douglas county and Omaha expect to go to the Central City meeting. Some are going by train and others by automobile, providing the roads are good. A. R. Pardington of Detroit, vice president of the Lincoln Memorial Highway association, is to pass through Omaha that morning on his way to Central City. H. E. Fredrickson is to join him here and accompany him.

Following the Central City meeting, Mr. Pardington is to go to Lincoln to address the Commercial club there the following day. He has been invited by the club to make a talk, as Lincoln has been very anxious to get on this transcontinental route. The official announcement of the general route made from headquarters at Detroit did not contemplate passing through Lincoln, as it was somewhat too far south. Mr. Fredrickson will accompany Mr. Pardington to Lincoln.

To Sell Certificates.
Perhaps within a week a meeting will be called in Omaha principally of automobile dealers and dealers in automobile supplies. It will be for the purpose of devising ways and means of instituting a campaign locally for the sale of membership certificates that are to produce the revenue for the building of Omaha and Douglas county's apportioned share of road. In the east some handsome contributions have been received for the promotion of the great project. One Long Island man, past 70 years old, has subscribed \$5,000. A survey of his finances showed that he was worth less than \$50,000. He said that he had always looked for the day when he could make a coast-to-coast trip in an automobile and had never dared to attempt the hardships on account of his age. Now he believed it would still be a possibility in his day, when the highway should be completed.

RAILROAD BRIDGE NEAR PRYOR, COLO., IS DAMAGED

PRYOR, Colo., Oct. 6.—Reports of the dismantling of a Denver & Rio Grande railroad bridge between Minson and the Pryor mine in Huerfano county was received here today. The bridge took fire about midnight, the blaze being extinguished by men from Pryor. The damage was slight. Traffic was not interrupted. Guards are employed at Pryor, an independent property.

GREATER PORTION OF SPENCER'S STORY IS DISPROVED BY FACTS

Confession of Many Murders Is De-
clared by Police to Be Result of
Disordered Brain

CONSTANT USER OF OPIUM

He Attributes to Himself All Crimes
He Has Read About.

SEVERAL STORIES ARE FANCIFUL

He Was in Joliet When Several
Murders Were Committed.

IS MURDERER OF MRS. REXROAT

Police Say that in This One Case His
Confession is Clearly Corrobor-
ated by Facts in Their
Possession.

CHICAGO, Oct. 6.—As one after another of the "murders" confessed to by Harry Spencer were disproved today, the police were practically convinced that, while he was the murderer of Mrs. Mildred Allison-Rexroat, the rest of his monstrous story was mostly fiction engendered in a drug-crazed mind.

Spencer is addicted to the opium habit, a symptom of which is a wild and grotesque imagination. Some years ago the police had occasion to investigate his conduct and learned that while in prison at Joliet on a charge of larceny, the prison authorities had regarded him as mentally defective and from time to time confined him in the infirmary. He told fellow prisoners of having committed several murders.

Regarded as Mentally Unsound.

After he was released from the penitentiary he came to Chicago and visited detective headquarters, where he said he wanted to "live square," and asked to be assisted to employment. He told Frank Shennessey, secretary to Chief of Detectives Halpin, that he had committed several murders. Shennessey identified him today and said that at the time of Spencer's visit in search of employment he considered the man mentally unbalanced. Dispatches from Detroit, Delavan Lake, Wis., and Goshen, N. Y., today further shook official faith in the confessions. Investigations at these points, while not absolutely disproving Spencer's statements, indicated that there was little likelihood that they were true.

Some time will be necessary, the police say, before the truth in Spencer's story can be sifted.

Some of his stories are probably fiction, said Chief Halpin today. "But on the whole I believe he is almost a great criminal as he claims to be."

Woman Mrs. Annabel Wright.
The woman Spencer said he murdered near the county hospital was shown by police records today to have been Mrs. Annabel Wright, who was beaten on the head last December, robbed of \$50 and two diamond rings, and who succumbed to her injuries June 19, last.

It was discovered in the police records this afternoon that Spencer was in prison at Joliet while Fabius Thompson was murdered, January 1, 1907. The records show that he went to the prison in 1907 and was not paroled until 1910.

It is practically certain also that he was behind the bars at Joliet when he murdered Pennell and Devine were murdered. Local records, which will be compared with those at Joliet show that Spencer was in prison from April 1, 1907, until 1908, while the murder of the detectives confessed to in great detail was committed August 11, 1907.

Gives List of Murders.

Spencer told the police that he had killed ten persons since his last release from the Illinois state penitentiary in September, 1912, and four, a man and a woman and Policemen Pennell and Devine, before that. Following is a list of killings Spencer related to Chief of Detectives Halpin:

Prior to September 12, 1912:
Patrolmen Timothy Devine and Charles Pennell, shot when they surprised Spencer and a man named Murphy in the act of forcing the door of a house. Murphy died in the penitentiary, Spencer said.
Fanny Thompson, murdered in a rooming house at 27th street and Michigan avenue. Robbed of diamonds worth \$1,500. Luman Mann, son of a wealthy Chicagoan, narrowly escaped conviction, on circumstantial evidence for this crime. September 15, 1912; to September 26, 1913: Two girls at Delavan Lake, Wis., in June. Killed with hammer and bodies thrown into water.

Aged man in Washington park last spring. Met the man at Illinois Central station and went with him to Washington park. Shot him and threw body into ton park. (Continued on Page Two.)

Home Comfort

Have you looked over the advertisements in today's Bee and noticed what the best shops are offering you for refurbishing your home and making it more comfortable for winter?

If you have not done so, don't lose any time about it. Do you need new blankets, new curtains, new rugs, new articles of furniture?

Perhaps you need a number of things, but cannot afford to buy them all at once. If so, make a list of what you want and then read the advertisements in The Bee carefully from day to day.

You can soon see what shops are keeping the things you need and where you can buy most advantageously, quality and price considered. Progressive merchants and manufacturers are telling you what they have to offer through our advertising columns. You owe it to yourself to read what they have to say.