

MONROE CHIEF SUES FOR MILLION FROM NANTUCKET OWNERS

Captain of Sunken Craft Wants Heavy Damages for Loss, Alleging Carelessness.

LIBEL FILED IN FEDERAL COURT

Commander Says He Was Proceeding at Half Speed or Less.

OTHER VESSEL GOING FASTER

Advancing Upon Him at Such Rate Collision Inevitable.

WIRELESS MAN TELLS STORY

Officials of Old Dominion Line Announce Wrecking Steamer Would Be Kept Searching for Bodies.

NARFOLK, Va., Feb. 1.—Asserting the loss of his vessel with forty-one lives was due to the carelessness of the commander of the steamer Nantucket, Captain E. E. Johnson of the steamer Monroe filed a libel against the Nantucket late today, claiming \$1,000,000 damages.

Action was filed in the United States district court and papers were served on officials of the Merchants and Marines Transportation company, owners of the Nantucket, at Baltimore and Norfolk.

In his complaint Captain Johnson alleges that the Monroe was proceeding at half speed or less before the accident and had laid to after hearing fog whistles. He says the Nantucket came upon him at such speed that a collision was unavoidable, although he had ordered his ship ahead at full speed in order to avoid the blow.

Goes for Second Load.

Wireless Operator E. L. Etheridge of the Monroe said tonight that the boat launched from the Monroe saved twenty-eight lives and went back for a second load after transferring its passengers to the Nantucket. Captain Johnson was in the boat.

"We picked up Mr. and Mrs. Harrington," Etheridge said, "but the latter died before we reached the Nantucket. We also picked up the body of a man. I believe it was that of Lieutenant Curtis. We had two women in our boat.

"We tried to launch two boats, but one of them was swamped. We could not launch the starboard boats as the ship careened to that side.

"I sent out an S. O. S. call just before the ship went down. I remained in the radio room until our current was cut off. Then I followed Captain Johnson into the lifeboat. Neither of us was in the water at any time.

"Captain Johnson remained in the lifeboat until everybody we could find had been placed on board the Nantucket."

Officials of the Old Dominion line announced that a wrecking steamer would be kept at sea searching for bodies of the Monroe's dead just as long as any hope remained for the finding of bodies.

More Than Foot of Snow in Lake Region After Heavy Storm

CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—More than a foot of snow was left in the wake of a snow-storm which descended today on Chicago, northern Illinois, Ohio and Indiana and southern Michigan. In Toledo, Cleveland and in parts of Indiana the snow was preceded by sleet driven before a high wind, and telephone, telegraph and train service suffered as a result.

In Chicago one death was recorded and in Indianapolis two as being directly due to the storm. Near International Falls, Minn., the bodies of three men were found in snowdrifts built by a blizzard of two days ago.

Although the weather bureau had predicted that the storm would continue throughout the day and possibly tonight, the skies brightened during the afternoon and the snowstorm ceased completely in Chicago. Reports from other points in the storm belt were that the storm had moderated to a great degree and in most places was over.

Divorce and Marriage in Cass.

PLATTSBORO, N. H., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—Divorce statistics compiled by J. M. Robertson, clerk of the district court of Cass county, show that during the year 1913 there were fourteen petitions for divorce filed. Two allege cruelty, eleven desertions and one drunkenness; nine were started by wives and five by the husbands. One divorce case has been dismissed and four cases are still pending for further action.

During the last year there were 122 marriage licenses granted in the county court.

The Weather

Table with columns: Temperature at Omaha Yesterday, Fair, Comparative Local Record, Highest yesterday, Lowest yesterday, Mean temperature, Precipitation.

CLARK PRAISES HIS PARTY

Speaker Says Administration Has Wonderful Record.

DEFENDS METHOD OF CAUCUS

Hon. Dog Statesman Makes Address at Muscatine in Aid of Democratic Nominee for Congress.

MUSCATINE, Ia., Feb. 1.—Pride in what the democratic party has accomplished since it came into control of the government less than a year ago and confidence in the program of the administration to complete the work of carrying out the promises of the party's platform, was voiced here by Speaker Champ Clark in a campaign speech for Henry Volmer, democratic nominee for congress to succeed the late Representative Irvine C. Pepper.

"For sixteen long and wearisome years," said the speaker, "all the democrats could do was to promise what they could convince if they were given power. It took us all that time to convince the American people that we were earnest in our professions. Now all that is changed. We can, with pride and pleasure, talk about what we have done and also about what we intend to do.

"At the election in 1912 every intelligent man within the confines of the republic knew that if we carried the election there would be an extra session of congress and that the first great promise we undertook to carry out would be that to revise the tariff. We proceeded as promptly as possible to the work of revising the tariff program. In my judgment it is the best tariff bill ever put on the statute books. If there were no other good features in it, the income tax section would make it rank among the very best tariff bills."

Defends Caucus Methods. The speaker defended the caucus method of putting the bill through the house, declaring that "the bill was debated until everybody in the house was worn to a frazzle."

Referring to the currency bill the second great problem disposed of, the speaker said the new law furnished a substitute for one of the worst currency systems in the world. "It provides a working scheme," he continued, "for increasing the currency when the increase is needed for contracting it when the public good demands it. In addition to this it prevents as far as human wisdom extends, the gambling in stocks and bonds; it prevents the assembling of all the money in the country in one big city and leaves it at home where it properly belongs; it authorizes the national banks to loan money on good farm lands, and it is believed and hoped that it will, to a very large extent, prevent panics.

"It is claimed that it lodges too much power in the hands of the president and that it will not bear the light of day. Power has to be lodged somewhere. The only question in that regard is whether it is better to lodge the immense power conferred in our currency bill in the president of the United States chosen by the people and who has their interests at heart or in the hands of some private citizen. So far as I am concerned, I choose the former. We have had a great variety of men in the White House, but the honesty of all of them has been above question.

Sues Union Pacific For Good Round Sum

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—The Union Pacific Railway company has been made defendant in a suit brought in the Lancaster county district court by William A. Daily in the sum of \$3,000 for damages in humiliation and inconvenience from being put off of a train at the little station of Hiff, Colo., last September.

Daily sets out that he bought a ticket in Portland, Ore., for Lincoln with the understanding that it gave him stop over privileges. Before reaching Sterling, Colo., he advised the conductor that he desired to stop off at that place and the conductor cancelled the punch mark on the ticket and told him he could stop off. A few days later he resumed his journey, but was put off at Hiff by the conductor because he claimed the ticket was no good.

He was ejected from the train in the middle of the night and without money in a strange town and he desires the company to make it right in the amount of \$3,000.

GOVERNOR TO CHECK UP ON THE STATE'S GADDERS

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Feb. 1.—(Special.)—Governor McPherson sent a letter yesterday to the adjutant general, state veterinarian, food commissioner, game warden, fire commissioner, secretary of banking board and members of the live stock sanitary board that henceforth he should require a monthly statement of mileage used in making trips and a strict accounting in all expenses in the way of travel.

The banking board and the food commissioner have been keeping a strict account of all mileage used heretofore, but the governor is of the opinion that all departments should follow suit and will require a very strict accounting in the future.

FLOWING GAS WELL IS FOUND NEAR DAWSON

Workmen Drilling for Water Open Up Pocket in Southeastern Part of State.

ROAR HEARD FOR HALF MILE

Sound is Evident Above the Noise of Machinery.

STRUCK IN SAND AT 90 FEET

Located on Ridge P...

OIL DEPOSIT MIGHT BE LIKELY

Found on Farm of Commodore O. Grady, Three Miles Northeast of Little Richardson County Village.

HUMBOLDT, Neb., Feb. 1.—(Special Telegram.)—Workmen engaged in drilling for water on the farm of Commodore O. Grady, three miles northeast of Dawson, struck gas at ninety feet in sand. The roar of escaping gas was heard for half a mile above the sound of the drilling machinery.

Some water was struck. The gas causes it to bubble and roar and steam while throwing it out. This confirms the idea that there is oil and gas, as well as other mineral deposits in southeastern Nebraska. The location of this hole is on a ridge somewhat higher than the surrounding ground, between the Muddy and Nemaha rivers. It is a district where there has been more or less trouble getting water, although many springs crop out on equally high ground within a mile of this gas well.

The fact that gas was struck in a sand deposit makes it quite probable that only a little further down is an oil deposit. For a long time practical oil and gas men have said that southeastern Nebraska was in the right dip for oil and gas, as the anticlines and synclines of this region, according to the state geological survey, correspond to the same in the Kansas oil regions.

The state geologist is expected here to look over this proposition, as it is the first of its kind in the state of Nebraska.

Smoke of Burning Tobacco Overcomes Scores of Firemen

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—Smoke rising from masses of burning tobacco overcame fifty firemen during a four-hour battle with flames tonight in a four-story factory building on the upper East Side.

Fire Chief John Egan said that because of the smoke the blaze was the most serious of his kind in the department's history. The property loss was estimated at \$20,000, suffered by three wholesale tobacco companies.

The firemen, working in relays, dropped unconscious one by one and were dragged away by their fellows while others took their places. A dozen ambulance surgeons from hospitals used pulmonars in reviving the men, who went stubbornly back to work, except fifteen who were taken to their quarters and four who were taken to hospitals.

At one period of the fighting the force of fighters was so depleted, with the flames still uncontrolled, that Chief Kinty sent word to headquarters for fifty fresh men and a searchlight engine. The building was thoroughly searched after the fire had been controlled, but no bodies were found.

Kearney Seniors Drop Year Book

KEARNEY, Neb., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—Because the State Board of Education and the present head of the normal school in this city have drawn the line on the senior class of the school, who will permit it to dedicate the annual school book to Dr. A. O. Thomas, the deposed head of the institution, the publication has been given up by the students, and it is probable that no annual will be printed this year.

The senior class and possibly every other member of the student body wanted the book dedicated to Dr. Thomas, but Dean M. R. Snodgrass, present head of the school, and Mr. King, the registrar and manager for the board, refused to listen to their proposal. The board withdrew its support some time ago, and Mr. Snodgrass and Mr. King have cancelled their orders for books. Part of the faculty have also taken sides with the head of the school.

The seniors have decided to drop the publication and the matter already prepared has been laid aside. Two hundred and fifty photographs have already been taken and were to have been sent to the engraver this week. In their loyalty to Dr. Thomas the students believe the book should be dropped if his name cannot be used in its connection.

Glen Chaderlon, business manager for the annual, has been threatened with dismissal from the school because he insisted "that the book be dedicated to the man who had made the Kearney Normal what it is." The booster club has now taken its side of the matter and will endeavor to personally see if the book cannot be gotten out as planned.

M'FARLANE TO SECURE HIS CHILDREN THROUGH COURT

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 1.—(Special Telegram.)—Suit will be filed at once by Frank E. McFarlane to obtain the custody of his four children as the result of the marriage of his divorced wife, Lulu Y. McFarlane, 1257 Race street, to Clark E. Hayes in Omaha Thursday.

Worse Than "Military Lockjaw"



"I Have Always Been Ambitious to Be a United States Senator."—Bryan. From the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

DIAZ RING CHIEF ARRESTED

Several More of Faction in Custody and Plot Rumored.

RIFLE STORES ARE DISCOVERED

War Department Believes it Has Well in Hand New Conspiracy to Overthrow Huerta Government Today.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 1.—With the arrest today of Jose Luis Requeena, chief of the Felix Diaz political organization, and two or three other men, who were also prominent in his support in his late race for the presidency, and the discovery of several hundred rifles stored in the capital, the War department believes it has well in hand a new plot which it is alleged had as its object an attempt to overthrow the government tomorrow.

Sleuth Digs Up Evidence.

The arrests were determined upon after the submission to General Blanquet of evidence discovered by a detective, who had represented himself as Juan Ortega, an active rebel operating in the state of Michoacan and the territory of Tepic. The detective went to the home of Francisco Zerrano, a civil engineer, living at Tlalpam, a suburb of Mexico City, with a letter said to have been written by another revolutionary chieftain, which appears to have convinced Zerrano of the bearer's identity as Ortega.

The detective won Zerrano's confidence and offered to contribute \$500 and \$500 guns, promising that 1,000 men would join the new cause. Zerrano, it is alleged by the intelligence department of the war office, sent a note to Requeena asking his opinion regarding acceptance of the offer.

Enrique Fernandez Castello, son-in-law of Requeena and prominent in the political affairs of the capital, is being sought for by agents of the War department.

Blanquet Uncommunicative.

The exact development of the plot and the exact form the new government was to take are things on which General Blanquet is uncommunicative nor do his agents profess to know the details. They claim to have some evidence to indicate that the plan was either to install as temporary president General Ferdinand Gonzalez, an army officer of repute, who is now in Washington on leave, or General Felix Diaz.

BOYS FIGHT AT SCHOOL; THEIR FATHERS TAKE IT UP

ANSELMO, Neb., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—M. M. Forsyth was arrested on complaint of John Pymale on a charge of assault and battery. The trouble was caused by the sons of the two fighting at school.

To See Her Fireman 'Hero' in Action, She Sounds the Alarms

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Feb. 1.—A young woman's desire to see her "hero"—a fireman—rush by her home on a fire engine, it developed here tonight, has been the cause of repeated false alarms from the residence district.

Six alarms have been turned in from this section in the last week, and W. D. Price, chief of the fire department, placed detectives on the case. Today the young woman admitted her guilt. She will not be prosecuted.

O. K. FOR WORLD AIR RACE

Aero Club of America Gives Sanction for Plane Run Around Globe.

TO BE MADE IN NINETY DAYS

Will Start in May, 1915, from Panama Exposition Grounds and End in the Same Place.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—The Aero Club of America announced today that it had given its sanction to an aeroplane race around the world, to be started from the Panama-Pacific exposition grounds in San Francisco in May, 1915, and to be completed at the same place within ninety days. The first prize will be \$100,000.

The sanction was given upon the receipt of telegrams stating that the Panama-Pacific exposition and the Pacific Aero club of San Francisco were organizing such a race and that application for sanction had been mailed.

"The telegrams state," says the club's announcement, "that the exposition offers \$150,000 in money prizes and expects to obtain at least \$150,000 more, which will be divided among the contestants, the first prize to be \$100,000. The race is to be run under the rules of the International Aeronautic federation. The Aero club of America, as representative of the federation in America, will officiate.

LAWSUITS TO GROW OUT OF ESTATE'S DISTRIBUTION

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 1.—(Special Telegram.)—A few more sensational chapters in the affairs of the late Alonso Thompson, millionaire spiritualist, are indicated by the announcement today by the 'millionaire's' widow that she would soon file several suits against Helen S. Baker of Fullerton, Neb.

Mrs. Thompson declares she will sue Miss Baker for alienating her late husband's affections and also to recover \$150,000 worth of property given Miss Baker by the dead millionaire. She says Miss Baker is also known as Nellie S. Noyes.

Miss Baker, it is said, will also bring suit for one-third of the Thompson estate bequeathed to her under a codicil in his will, which she believes was destroyed.

MINERS GIVE KERN OVATION

Indiana Senator Urges Harmony in Ranks of Labor.

REFERS TO THE STRIKE INQUIRY

Tells of Efforts Made to Prevent Investigation Into Conditions in West Virginia Coal Fields.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 1.—United States Senator John W. Kern was given an ovation when he addressed the convention of the United Mine Workers of America here yesterday. After the cheering had died down when he concluded the miners gave him a rousing vote of appreciation.

"I came here from Washington," began Senator Kern, "to bring you a message of good will from the members of both sides of the United States senate; from that stalwart fighter for liberty, Jim Martine; Henry Ashurst, William E. Borah, W. S. Kenyon and others.

"This is a crucial time for organized labor. Enemies of labor are putting forth greater efforts than ever before to exert influence over members of congress and the senate in an attempt to crush trade unionism. It is a time when there should be harmony among yourselves. Your enemies have had paid hirelings in your assemblies and have failed to disrupt your organization, and now are you going to disrupt yourself by petty internal squabbles and indulging in personalities? Every report of dissension sent out from this convention brings joy to your enemies."

At Request of Borah. Senator Kern referred to the West Virginia strike investigation and said he introduced the resolution at the request of Senator Borah as a matter of policy, as he was chairman of the caucus.

"I had little knowledge of the conditions in West Virginia. The newspapers did not print the story of the terrible conditions existing. I did not know that 'Mother' Mary Jones was held prisoner without the guarantee of her constitutional rights and that she was tried by a drumhead, mock courtmartial. Such news was suppressed.

"Within twenty-four hours after the resolution for the investigation was introduced a flood of telegrams began to pour in, exerting every influence possible to make me not press the resolution. I was told not to disturb the peace and quiet reigning in the beautiful hills of West Virginia. Then foul slander was circulated regarding that noble woman, 'Mother' Jones, who is known and loved more than any other woman in the land. "It was publicity more than the congressional investigation that brought relief to the men down there who were afraid to continue their lawless policy."

The senator said he had received messages from Michigan saying that the miners there had no cause to complain.

Moyer Coming Back. HOUGHTON, Mich., Jan. 31.—Word from their leader, Charles H. Moyer, that he would be back in the copper country in time to help present their case to the striking committee was brought to the striking miners today by Dan Sullivan, president of the district council of the Western Federation of Miners. Vice President Mahoney and several other officials of the federation probably will accompany Moyer. These officers are under indictment here on a charge of conspiracy and they will be arrested according to Sheriff Cruise, as soon as they come within the jurisdiction of the court.

RYDER SLAMS ON LID WITH GIGANTIC RAID; POLICE GET BIG HAUL

Commissioner Letting Go, Closes Administration by Drastic Cleanup of Omaha.

SCORES OF WOMEN ARE RUN IN

Between Fifty and Sixty Arrested and Thrown in Jail.

GIVEN CHANCE TO LEAVE TOWN

Only "Keepers" and Disorderly Females Go to Station.

ORDER CLOSE CITY IN EARNEST

"Canton" Visited Twice, the Owner Being Detected in Act of Selling Drinks on Both Occasions.

With an order to arrest the keeper of every place in Omaha where liquor is sold illegally, and to rid the town of all known immoral women, Commissioner John J. Ryder terminated his administration of the police department Saturday. Within half an hour after the drastic order had been issued all places except saloons frequented by women of soiled reputations and where drinks are sold began to exercise extreme caution in conducting their business.

Notwithstanding this caution, "sponge squads" were able to catch half a dozen places in full operation, and detectives, plain clothes policemen and uniformed officers brought between fifty and sixty women to the station. This was the beginning of another "tight lid era."

The keepers were all released upon bonds of \$25, cash or signed, but the women were given the alternative of buying a railroad ticket to some other town or sojourning in jail for the next ninety days. Of all the girls brought to the station, only a dozen or so accepted the latter. These did not possess sufficient money to get them out of town, and unless they can get it by Monday they will be sentenced.

These Loose Drinks. When the officers went out a raiding, they were told to take only the keepers and women known to be off-color. When the Henderson was visited, Thomas J. O'Brien, the proprietor, was taken. Three men drinking beer served in teacups were not molested, except to lose their drink, which was brought to the station for evidence. A "Benny" hotel, "Scotty," the headwaiter, was arrested, when the sergeants were unable to find anyone else in authority there. Later, W. B. Miller came to headquarters to get "Scotty" out, and was himself arrested.

The Chinese managers of the Mandarin cafe at 416 Douglas street were arrested, early in the evening and the "Canton" across the street was raided twice, the proprietor being caught selling liquor both times.

Nothing After Hours. Somebody "tipped off" Wroth's cafe on Farnam street, the officers say, because when they arrived, grape juice, water and coffee were the popular drinks, and the proprietor's face was adorned with a smile that stretched from ear to ear. "We never sell anything after hours," asserted the headwaiter in charge of the searching party. "No, I know you don't sell anything," emphasized the officer. "You don't sell carbolic acid or lawn mowers, do you now?"

By the time the sergeants had been out for half an hour, they found themselves followed by several hundred persons eager to see some excitement. When the officers went into the cafe, they found officers from the Fifteenth, and left through a rear door upon not finding any cause for a raid, an immense and ever augmenting crowd was left standing gapping on Farnam street, wondering what was keeping the officers in the cafe so long.

Air of Gloom. In all these places, an air of sobriety and gloom hung heavy. Electric pianos sounded queerly, contrasted to the well modulated voices of persons who came only for something to eat, as against the hilarious shrills of men and women a few nights ago.

In the cheaper cafes, not a woman was to be seen. Sergeant Madsen tells an amusing incident he heard in the Mandarin. A patron asked for some chicken chop suey. "I'm getting no chicken chop suey," answered the celestial. "I'm outta chicken."

In another cafe on Douglas street Fairbank Bertha came in to sell her booklets.

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