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## "BILLY" FAILS TO AUTOGRAPH ALL CHECKS IN RUSH

Promise Made at Tabernacle Sunday Would Personally Endorse All Checks, But They Come in Too Fast.

### RUBBER STAMP FINISHES JOB

One Man Writes on Check that He Spends \$1,500 Annually on Demon Kum.

TOTAL COLLECTION \$50,000

Total receipts for "Billy" Sunday up to last evening were \$19,200.75. Total amount of money contributed for all purposes, including this, the expenses of the campaign and charity collections was \$50,282.34.

Collections at the meetings on Sunday alone were \$8,218.76; at the Saturday meetings \$846. Checks came in to the amount of \$8,550.80. Those people who wrote checks payable to William A. Sunday, with the hope of getting "Billy's" autograph when he endorsed them will be disappointed because it was found impossible for "Billy" to endorse them personally, so great was their number. He endorsed them up till Sunday morning and after that they were rubber-stamped with his signature. The committee is sorry this was found necessary, as the statement was made in the tabernacle that the autograph would be given those who sent checks. But it was a physical impossibility for the evangelist to sign them all.

### Lunch Room Profitable

The women's lunch room at 1809 Farman street, where Miss Miller held noon-day meetings not only paid expenses, but yielded a surplus of \$27.88. Lunches were supplied at 5 cents, which was less than cost, but the women in charge each day contributed most of the materials and prepared the food. In the budget \$2,000 was allowed for this work. It is stated, however, that several of the items in the budget ran over their appropriation. Still it is believed that there will be \$2,000 left in the treasury after all expenses are paid, taking into consideration the salvage from the tabernacle lumber, about \$2,000.

### The great number of anonymous contributors who threw sums of \$5 and less in the contribution pans during the last week when all collections went to "Billy" remains the feature of Omaha's liberal response to the call for an offering.

### Contributions on Monday

One man came into Treasurer Ure's office Monday. He asked whether it was too late to contribute. They told him it was not.

"I have been sick and wasn't able to go to the tabernacle," he said. "We can't contribute very much. We are working people, but we want to do what we can."

He laid a \$5 bill on the table.

A man out in the state wrote on the back of the check he sent:

"I would gladly contribute \$50 to the 'dry' campaign fund if I could be sure it would stop me from drinking for one year. I spend \$1,500 a year on booze."

Checks and cash are still coming in toward "Billy's" fund.

## Young Australian Woman Is Killed

FREMONT, Neb., Oct. 25.—(Special Telegram.)—Mrs. Fred J. Epton of Sydney, Australia, 25 years of age, was killed, and her husband quite badly injured, when the automobile in which they were riding turned over one mile west of Fremont this afternoon. The machine turned completely over and righted itself.

Mrs. Epton suffered a cut on the head and other injuries, from which she died in a few minutes after being removed to a nearby farm house. Mr. and Mrs. Epton were on their way from San Francisco, where they had been visiting the exposition, to New York. They had bought the automobile in San Francisco to make the trip.

Mr. Epton was removed to a local hotel where he was given treatment. He is unable to say what caused the accident.

## The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Tuesday: For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity—Fair.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday. Hours, Dec. 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

### Comparative Local Record.

Highest yesterday, 1915 1914, 1913, 1912. Lowest yesterday, 56, 54, 53, 50. Mean temperature, 56, 55, 54, 52. Precipitation for the day, .00, .00, .00, .00. Temperature, precipitation departures from normal. Normal temperature, 54. Excess for the day, 2.2, 2.2, 2.2, 2.2. Total deficiency since March 1, 42. Normal precipitation, .77 inch. Deficiency for the year, 19.4, 22.2, 22.2. Total rainfall since March 1, 25.21 inches. Deficiency since March 1, 1.63 inch. Excess for the year, 19.4, 22.2, 22.2. Deficiency for the year, 19.4, 22.2, 22.2.

## PORTER CHARLTON IN ITALIAN COURT—First photograph to arrive in America of the actual trial of Porter Charlton, the Omaha boy who slew his beautiful Lake Como, Italy, under circumstances that created worldwide sensation. Charlton in the prisoners' dock.



## WOMAN'S CLUB HAS DEBATE ON SUNDAY

Suggestion that Club Follow Up Work Begun by Evangelist Starts Argument Among Members.

### MATTER FINALLY DROPPED

A tense moment was assuaged in the meeting of the social science department of the Woman's club, Monday afternoon.

Mrs. F. A. Follansbee, leader, placed before the department the proposition that it was up to Omaha to make good in the Sunday campaign. "If there is anything this department can do to promote the work begun by Mr. Sunday, we ought to do it."

"In the suburbs of Omaha, I know of card parties which have been changed into prayer meetings. Whole neighborhoods have been changed. Men who fought and quarreled with their wives are different men today," she said.

"It has stirred us to a new sense of duty. It has strengthened reform organizations because it has taught them co-operation. As a department and as individuals, we ought to promote good work," said Mrs. F. J. Biers.

Opposes His Theology. "That's what we always do," exclaimed Mrs. D. G. Crainhead. "I will endorse any good work of Mr. Sunday, but his theology does not appeal to me. It is absolutely outside the aim of this department to take up his work. There are too many views among the women here."

"There is something of God in Billy Sunday," uttered Mrs. Follansbee earnestly.

"There is something of God in every man," Mrs. Follansbee insisted Mrs. Crainhead.

"But there's a whole lot of God in him. I know the power of God is in that man," continued Mrs. Follansbee. "Get each individual to get as much good out of the Sunday meetings as she can. To take up the work in this department would cause too much argument and strife," pleaded an energetic little peace-maker and with a few desultory remarks, the discussion dribbled off.

### Talks on Pension Law

Miss Esther Johnson of the juvenile court told the women about the workings of the mothers' pension law. There are 16 mothers now receiving pensions, the law thus affecting over 700 children. The operation of the law entails an expenditure of \$240 monthly, according to Miss Johnson.

"The greatest evil to be guarded against is increased wife desertion as a result of the mothers' pension law," said Miss Johnson.

Miss Eunice Ensor, supervisor of social extension work for the public schools, who was to address the club, was not present on account of ill health.

## FIRST MAYOR OF DENVER DYING AT EXCELSIOR SPRINGS

(Special Telegram.)—John C. Moore, first mayor of Denver, founder of the Rocky Mountain News and of the Kansas City Times is dying here. He was brought to Excelsior Springs a few weeks ago in the hope of bettering a chronic trouble that has proved baffling.

## CHARLTON GUILTY; SENTENCED TO SERVE SIX YEARS

Former Omaha Who Murdered Wife in Italy Escapes With Short Term in Prison.

### WOMAN SLAIN FIVE YEARS AGO

Body of Bride with Skull Crushed, Packed Into Trunk and Thrown Into Lake Como.

### AGED TWENTY-ONE WHEN WED

BULLETIN. COMO, Italy (Via Paris), Oct. 25.—7:25 p. m.—Porter Charlton of Omaha, who has been on trial here charged with murdering his wife, in 1910, was today condemned to six years and eight months' imprisonment.

The crown prosecutor, Signor Molini, in his argument, denied that Charlton was mentally irresponsible, even momentarily, at the time the deed was committed. The prosecutor denied that Charlton had had procreation for killing his wife and insinuated he married her for her savings and that he had appropriated her jewels after killing her. He concluded his address with a demand for a heavy sentence.

### Former Resident of Omaha.

Porter Charlton was born and grew up in Omaha, living with his parents in the Blanshard park district. They moved east and his father became a clerk in the bureau of insular affairs at Washington, while Porter went to New York and worked in the City National bank. There he met Mary Cullen Scott of California, a woman who had previously been married and was nearly twice his age. He was 21 years old when they were married.

Porter's health was frail and his father feared he was suffering from tuberculosis. So he provided the money for the pair to take a honeymoon trip to Italy, where they arrived late in April, 1910.

### Horrible Find in Lake Como.

Six weeks later, on June 10, the bride's body was found with crushed skull and blood-soaked, crammed into a weighted trunk in the bottom of Lake Como, and Porter Charlton was missing.

Immediately the wonderful Italian police and detective system was put to work to run down the murderer. So effectively had the awful deed been done that Charlton made good his escape from the country and until his apprehension the police worked on the theory that he, too, had been murdered and his body concealed.

The finding of Mrs. Charlton's body was an accident. Fishermen from the village of Moltrasio took their hooks entangled in a heavy object. Pulling it up they found the trunk. They took it ashore, ripped it open and were confronted with its horrible contents. The body had been jammed in so tightly that the head was between the knees.

Charlton was arrested when he arrived in New York and later was extradited, after a long legal battle.

## Pemberton Lived For Years in State

Friends of George Pemberton, local manager of the Canton Bridge company, who shot and killed himself Sunday night, declared that it was an accident, and not suicide, in spite of the fact that two shots were fired.

Mr. Pemberton had been cleaning a small calibre rifle. His wife and little daughter had just returned from the tabernacle when they heard two shots. The first shot broke a water glass and the second struck squarely in the center of his forehead, causing death within a few hours.

He was a prominent member of the local Elks lodge and had lived at 417 Pinkney for years. He was born in Wahoo, Neb., and later removed to Fairbury, where he went to school and where his other relatives live. These are: Mrs. Pemberton, his mother; Dr. W. J. Hawes, half brother, and E. S. Hawes. All have arrived in Omaha to attend the funeral.

Coroner Crosby has not decided on the date for the inquest and arrangements for the funeral have not been completed.

## Chairman Hay Likes New Army Program

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—Chairman Hay of the house military affairs committee went over the details of the army program with President Wilson today and announced that it would have his hearty support. Congressman Hay said that he considered the program conservative and saw no reason why there should be difficulty in getting congress to adopt it.

## Now Out The Bee's "Billy" Sunday Special

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## Only Small Number of Crew Of German Cruiser is Saved

BERLIN, Oct. 25.—(Via London.)—Only a small part of the crew of the German cruiser Prinz Adalbert, sunk by a British submarine in the Baltic, was rescued. This was made known in the following official statement today:

A telegram from the naval general staff, dated October 23, states that the cruiser Prinz Adalbert was sunk by two shots from an enemy submarine, off Libau. Unfortunately only a small portion of the crew could be rescued.

The complement of the Prinz Adalbert was 87 men. An official announcement from Petrograd yesterday states it had been sunk. It was said the cruiser formed part of a squadron which probably had been charged with a special mission.

## THIRTEEN GIRLS BURNED TO DEATH

Employees of Paper Box Factory Are Caught in Burning Four-Story Building.

### ONE MAN KILLED, EIGHT HURT

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 25.—Fourteen persons were killed and eight injured by a fire in a four-story building, the two upper floors of which were occupied by the Union Paper Box company, on the north side here this afternoon. Of the dead all were young women employed by the company except one. Mayor Joseph G. Armstrong at once ordered that the police, city council and the coroner make thorough investigation of the fire. The dead:

- COLLETTA SELLMAN, aged 19. HENEL WANER. SOPHIA ZOBOK, aged 23. CAROLINA FARRARA, aged 15. EUGENE LINK, aged 16. FLORENCE BAKER, aged 21. CECILIA JOSE, aged 17. BERTHA DUNAPHLE, aged 24. LAURIE BRENNING, aged 20. TILLIE MILLER, aged 20. MARCELLA RAUCH, aged 17. SELMA HAAG. PETER VALLON.

The flames started in a pile of straw in the rear of the feet store of James Brown & Co., on the first floor of the building. William C. Kimbel, general manager of the box factory, at once went to the third and fourth floors and warned the girls employed there. The flames gained headway so rapidly, however, that escape by means of stairways and fire escapes was soon cut off. Some of the girls attempted to go to the dressing room for their hats and there, huddled on the floor, firemen found a majority of the bodies.

Trapped by Closed Door. Margaret Steigerwald, aged 17, who was injured by jumping from a third floor window, said she and five other girls were trapped in the building when somebody closed a door at the head of the stairway on the second floor.

"I got our wraps and started down the stairway," said Miss Steigerwald. "As we reached the second floor some person closed the door at the head of the stairway and we were trapped. We tried to open the door, without success, and then we started back to the third floor. By that time the third floor was filled with smoke. We made for the windows. One girl pushed me away from a window and I was the last to jump."

### Movie Man Driven Away.

An attempt of a man to make moving pictures of the removal of bodies from the building was stopped by the police. Joseph L. Bash, employed as salesman by a stove company on the second floor of the building, saw flames shooting up the elevator shaft. Running to a window to give the alarm, he noticed a number of girls from the factory leaning out of an upper window. Calling on them to jump he caught them, one after the other, lowering them to the ground, until eight were safe.

A. J. Seagle, another stove salesman, did the same thing at another window and aided a number to safety, while Harry Rehnauer of Cleveland drove a wagon to the rear of the building and caught others as they jumped. Others sprang into the street and seven of them were taken to a hospital badly hurt.

As the flames rushed upward through the filmy building, frightened girls ran to the windows and without hesitation began jumping to the street. In an incredibly short time the entire structure was wrapped in flames and gathering crowds in the streets heard the screams of those unable to reach the windows.

## Shooting of Boys by Policeman is Held Unjustifiable

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Oct. 25.—The killing of Chester Nolen, one of two boys shot by Policemen William Cahill and Samuel Shammo last Friday when they failed to obey an order to halt, was held today to have been unjustified by a coroner's jury today. The bullet that pierced Frank Ward, his companion on a motorcycle. Both officers fired several shots. The verdict stated Nolen was killed "by one of two officers—William Cahill and Samuel Shammo."

## Germany Sends Apology to Berne

BERNE, Oct. 25.—(Via Paris.)—The federal government announces that the German minister has expressed his government's deep regret for the act of a German aviator in dropping bombs recently on Chaux-de-Fonds, and has promised to pay indemnity for the death or injury of Swiss citizens and damage to property. The minister explained that the aviator who dropped the bombs had lost his way and believed himself to be over French territory. He and his observer have been punished and transferred.

## NEWSPAPER PLANT ON FIRE; LIKELY TO BE TOTAL LOSS

DIES MOINES, Oct. 25.—The plant of the Daily News here is on fire and will probably be a total loss.

## TEUTON WEDGES IN SERBIA NEAR MEETING POINT

Bulgarians and Austro-German Forces in the North are Now Only Thirty-Five Miles from Each Other.

### INVADEES CAPTURE USKUP

Approximately Half of Serbian Macedonia is in Hands of King Ferdinand's Troops.

### ALLIES WIN AT KRIVOLAK

LONDON, Oct. 25.—Each succeeding telegram from the Balkans tells of the increasing gravity of Serbia's position. To the north the Bulgarians and Austro-German forces are within thirty-five miles of joining hands. To the south, half of Serbian Macedonia is in possession of the Bulgarians, if the report of their capture of Uskup is correct. This would mean that the invaders have in their hands nearly all the means of communication.

The only favorable news from the standpoint of the entente powers is found in the optimistic reports concerning the Franco-Serbian offensive near Krivolak, where the Bulgarians are said to be giving way before a vigorous flank attack.

### Allies May Send More Troops.

If the British forces have left Salonika no news of their movement has been disclosed. Reports from various sources say that entente powers have revised their original plans and now purpose to land a tremendous contingent at Salonika. This would serve the double purpose of meeting the demands of Greece and of giving effective service to Serbia.

Athens reports that the Greek crown prince has gone to Salonika, where he will view the inspiring stream of French and British fighting men. It is thought here that the strength of the forces ultimately landed may decide whether Greece will throw its lot with the allies.

The announcement that the Germans have crossed the Danube at Oranienburg means that with the Bulgarians holding Pralovo union of their forces with the Austrians and Germans in this quarter is not far off. Unless the Serbians or their allies can strike a sudden blow the first link in the chain from Berlin to Constantinople will be forged.

### More Fighting in North.

Fighting on the Riga-Dvinsk line has begun with renewed intensity. It is thought the Germans have apparently been losing heavily; they have captured the village of Repe, southeast of Riga, and have taken Iloukai, northwest of Dvinsk. The tone of dispatches from Petrograd, however, is hopeful, and while it is seen that Riga may fall, the belief is expressed that there will be no recurrence of the familiar dashing Teuton advance. The general view is that the Germans are planning a final spurt before settling down in winter quarters.

### Austrians Defeat Italians.

VIENNA (Via London), Oct. 25.—"In the Isonzo district the enemy were unable to penetrate any part of our positions. Before the bridgehead of Gorizia several attempts to attack Monte Sabotino broke down. After strong artillery preparation considerable Italian forces attacked this dominating mountain position and Osavia yesterday. Our troops firmly held all positions.

"On the border of the plateau of Dobrovo, in the sector between Mairano and Monte Doleibul the battle is raging with undiminished violence.

"Conditions have been more quiet in the southern sector. Repeated fresh attacks by the enemy failed completely. The Italians have obtained a foothold temporarily in only a few of our outmost trenches. South of San Martino our infantry recaptured positions in hand-to-hand fighting.

"In the Serbian theater the army of General von Koveess forced back the Serbians across the heights north of (Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)

## THE WANT-AD WAY.



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