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IS THROWN AGAINST THE CURB Occupants of Machine Escape Without Being Recognized and Sheriff After Them.

DRIVING ON THE WRONG SIDE

COLUMBUS, Neb., Jan. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—Edgar Howard, editor of the Columbus Telegram and one of the most prominent democrats of the state, was severely hurt here New Year's night when he was struck and knocked down by an automobile.

Howard had left his residence about 7 o'clock and was walking downtown. Sleet followed by a freeze had made the sidewalks slippery and Mr. Howard was making the journey on the left hand side of the street to get firmer foothold.

Thrown Against Curb.

The automobile, which witnesses declared contained three men and was hitting up on a high rate of speed on the wrong side of the street, struck the editor from the rear and threw him against the curb. He suffered severe scalp wounds and wrenched his back considerably. He was picked up in a semi-conscious condition and taken to his home where he was delirious most of Saturday night.

Sunday he seemed to be improving and the attending physicians announced that he would recover unless internal injuries resulted. It is said there is a chance of the latter proving true. Even though no internal injuries develop Mr. Howard will be confined to his home for a week at least.

Sheriff Seeks Car.

The automobile which struck Mr. Howard is thought to have been one from a nearby city. The occupants were not recognized by witnesses nor was the number secured, but the sheriff is attempting to locate the car by its description.

Witnesses declare that after hitting Mr. Howard, the man at the wheel threw on the juice and made a speedy escape up the street to the Lincoln highway and out of the city.

Reception Held by Wilson and Bride

HOT SPRINGS, Va., Jan. 2.—President Wilson held his first official New Year's reception this evening in the lobby of the hotel here where he and Mrs. Wilson are spending their honeymoon. He shook hands with about 200 persons and later was host at a public tea.

The line of callers, mostly country people from a radius of thirty miles about Hot Springs, was received by the president and Mrs. Wilson and as they stood before a fireplace near the hotel entrance Mr. Wilson greeted each cordially, and smilingly introduced his bride who was gowned in blue Georgette crepe with blue lace sleeves and a high collar. At the tea Mrs. Wilson officiated at a small table set apart for her and her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson took a long motor ride and a three-mile walk today after a rainstorm had driven them from the golf links. They motored to Warm Springs, Va., and returned by a circuitous route.

Lincoln Is Chesty Over Bank Record

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Jan. 2.—(Special.)—The capital city of Nebraska is starting out the new year by feeling pretty chesty over its 1915 record. Bank clearings increased from \$100,277,341 in 1914, to \$119,045,762, in 1915. Deposits in banks increased from \$10,929,407 to \$12,242,884. Post office receipts from \$451,691 to \$468,828. Stamp sales from \$287,975 to \$284,851. Postal money order from \$2,485,633 to \$3,304,193, and parcel post packages increased from \$4,364 to \$9,267.

General Dodge Is Constantly Sinking

General Grenville M. Dodge of Council Bluffs, is constantly sinking. Word from his bedside at press time was that death may come at any moment.

A decided change for the worse in his condition occurred Saturday night.

The Weather

Table with 2 columns: Hour, Deg. Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.

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SERBIAN KING IN DRAMATIC FLIGHT FROM HIS COUNTRY—This picture shows King Peter of Serbia, being assisted from his automobile to the back of his horse, during his flight across Serbia and Albania, before taking ship for Italy. The picture was sent from Scutari to Durazzo by aeroplane by our correspondent, who was a member of the king's suite.



KING PETER IN FLIGHT. ©INTL. PH. SERVICE.

GOVERNOR RACE ON IN EARNEST

Interesting and Enlivening Developments Looked for Before Week is Over.

BURKETT MAY BE CANDIDATE

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Jan. 2.—(Special.)—Everybody is speculating that before the first week of the new year is over that there will be an activity in the political world as far as Nebraska is concerned which will be interesting and enlivening.

Fears of Too Many Cooks.

Friends of candidates for the republican nomination who are on the dry side are becoming fearful that something is going to happen if the four dry candidates, Pollard, McKelvie, Sutton and Madgett, persist in all staying in to the end. Some of them have gone so far as to advocate the getting together of the four men and drawing straws to see which one shall run.

Who Will Withdraw?

However, the proposition arises as to which three of the four dry candidates will consent to eliminate themselves. All four of them declare that they are in to stay and that they alone can be elected if nominated. That is the question which is bothering friends of the plan just now and until that is solved it is likely that the race will continue with Pollard, McKelvie, Sutton and Madgett striving for the dry vote and George and possibly Clarence Miles of Hastings dividing up the opposition.

There has as yet no solution come to the very unique condition which confronts the leaders of the democratic party. Who will be the man for the gubernatorial nomination is the problem which is keeping many of them awake nights. It is said, however, that there is hope that a solution will be found at the state democratic editorial banquet which will be held at the city auditorium in Lincoln on Thursday evening, the 11th, when everybody who has a big craving in his head gear will be permitted to bring him out and put him on exhibition. That there will be a fine assortment of bugs is assured and that some of them may exhibit some of the elements needed for the nomination is doubtless a fact, but whether they will be able to entirely meet the very peculiar situation remains to be seen.

THOMPSON SEES HOPE FOR DRYS IN NEBRASKA

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Jan. 2.—(Special.)—According to W. T. Thompson, chairman of the executive committee of the dry campaign committee, there is a pretty good chance that Nebraska may go dry in 1916. However, Mr. Thompson, like many other campaign prophets, has an "if," which stands in the way of taking the joy out of life for the dry advocates, and the state will surely go dry "if" the dry people do not get over confident, and think they have not things all coming their way, and lose out thereby. He charges that the wet element has had control of things for thirty years, but a change has taken place in the past two months, and business men and others who have heretofore been favorable to wet conditions are now openly for a change. He thinks that inasmuch as all territory around Nebraska is now dry, that people fear that unless Nebraska goes likewise the state will be a dumping ground for all that is undesirable in connection with wet conditions.

Justice Lamar Is Dead at Capital

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Joseph Rucker Lamar, associate justice of the supreme court of the United States, died at his home here tonight after an illness of several months. He was 53 years old and had been on the supreme bench five years.

"BILLY" SUNDAY ENTERS TRENTON

Thousands Greet Evangelist as He Arrives for Religious Campaign in City.

"NO PIKER TOWN," HE SAYS

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 2.—(Special Telegram.)—"Billy" Sunday told 6,000 persons of all ages, sexes and creeds from this city and a dozen surrounding towns that the reception given him here after he had alighted from the Chicago limited this afternoon was the best in twenty years.

Trip is Fine.

"The trip was fine," he said between chaws on the beef. "Never felt better in all my life," he cried out with vigor.

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BEATRICE BANKS PROTEST TAX ASSESSMENTS

(From a Staff Correspondent.) BEATRICE, Neb., Jan. 2.—(Special.)—Taxes amounting to \$3,000, paid under protest by Beatrice banks of Gage county, will stand on the tax books until the matter has been threshed out through the district court. The banks have appealed from the decision of the County Board of Supervisors. The banks claim the board has no legal right to assess farm mortgages, while the board holds that it has.

FAMINE IN POTASH AFFECTS FARMERS

Secretary Houston Paints Gloomy Picture of Outlook for Fertilizers.

NITRATES ARE MUCH HIGHER

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—A gloomy view of prospects for fertilizing next year's crops is presented in a statement issued today by Secretary Houston of the Department of Agriculture. Relief measures undertaken by the department since the European war disrupted the American phosphate industry and cut off potash imports from Germany will help, the statement says, but they offer slim possibilities that the American farmer will get a small part of the fertilizing materials necessary for his needs.

Many Difficulties in Way.

Manufacture from feldspar has been found to be feasible, but the cost is high. Development of Seear's lake deposits presents technical difficulties, and title to the property is involved. Manufacturers are experimenting now, the statement says, with alunite. Kelp is offered as the best material. Three large concerns have begun manufacture from kelp and government experts will be sent to the Pacific coast to aid in the experimental work.

Fine Hunch of People.

"Those who accompanied me on the Oscar II. were as fine a body of people for that particular mission as I could ask, and the interested delegates that met us at Christiania were all good men. I am simply financing and carrying out as far as possible the work as set under way last year at the meeting at The Hague of the Women's International peace congress. This work ultimately will bring Europe to its senses, and stop the war."

BEATRICE, Neb., Jan. 2.—(Special.)—Damage suits aggregating \$100,000 will be filed against the Union Pacific company soon as a result of the wreck at Randolph, Kan., a few months ago, in which eleven people lost their lives, unless the claims presented by relatives of those killed are settled within the next few days. The claims run all the way from \$2,000 to \$5,000 each.

Wreck Victims Will Sue Union Pacific

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HENRY FORD HOME WITH VIEW PEOPLE TO BLAME FOR WAR

Pacifist Arriving at New York Asserts Masses of Europe Now Being Slaughtered Responsible.

VOYAGE CHANGES HIS OPINION Manufacturer Has No Doubt of Eventual Success of His Peace Expedition.

THINKING TO FOLLOW TALKING

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Henry Ford, who led the peace expedition which left here December 4 on the steamship, Oscar II, for Copenhagen, in the hope of bringing about a conference of neutral nations which would end the war, arrived here today on the steamer, Bergensford. He confirmed cable reports that his return had been hastened by illness, but said it made a difference of only a few days, as he intended when he left to come back this month.

Mr. Ford declared his views regarding the cause of the war have undergone a marked change. When he left, he said, he was of the opinion that bankers, manufacturers of munitions and armament were responsible, but he returns with the belief that it is the people themselves, those now being slaughtered, who are responsible.

Content to Be Ruled.

The men doing the fighting have been too content to let those who rule them do their thinking, and they have not taken advantage of their divine right to say for themselves what they shall do and think, the pacifist asserted. "Republicans are no better than monarchies in this respect," he said. "Even in the United States we let those whom we have elected to office be swayed from their duty. We do not assert ourselves. Personally, I have been a voter thirty-one years, and in all that time I have voted only six times, and then because my wife made me."

Of the eventual success of the peace mission, Mr. Ford declared he had no doubt. "The movement is now organized and under way," he said. "People have been talking about it, and while some criticize, when people talk they think, and when they think they think right."

May Charter Ship.

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 2.—(Via London.)—After deciding to proceed to The Hague by sea, the managers of the Ford peace party today made effort to avoid the necessity of sailing through the North sea with its danger from mines. They called on the German minister and urged him to obtain permission for the party to go to The Hague through Germany, but no assurances were received from him.

Lindhagen Returns.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—A Reuter's dispatch from Copenhagen says that Mayor Lindhagen of Stockholm, who arrived at Copenhagen last week to join the peace expedition, returned to Stockholm today. Eight Norwegian delegates have joined the party.

Plans Uncertain.

Mr. Ford's future plans with respect to the peace expedition were uncertain, he said. While he had several ideas in mind, he deemed it too early to speak of them. He left the party in charge of Gaston Plantiff, he stated in accordance with his original plans, and he will be sent back to the United States as harmonious as could be desired.

May Return to Europe.

"If necessary I will again go to Europe and if it will help matters I will charter another ship. I am not doing it for pay." (Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)

Amateur Bomb Put Under State House

BOSTON, Jan. 2.—An unsuccessful attempt to dynamite the state house was made today. A bomb containing four pounds of explosive was attached to a basement door and a fuse had been lighted, but the flame apparently died before reaching the detonator.

TECUMSEH BOY FINISHES HIS TERM IN THE NAVY

(From a Staff Correspondent.) TECUMSEH, Neb., Jan. 2.—(Special.)—Ellis F. Gay, son of Dr. and Mrs. B. F. Gay of Tecumseh, has just finished a four years' enlistment in the United States navy and returned home. His discharge was at San Francisco two weeks ago. Mr. Gay enlisted in Lincoln, Neb., four years ago.

BAKER CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESSMAN

Prominent Omaha Attorney Decides to Make Race for Republican Nomination.

GIVES OUT HIS PLATFORM Judge Ben S. Baker of Omaha yesterday announced his determination to stand for the republican nomination for congressman from this district.

The judge is one of the prominent men of Omaha, who has risen from the ranks of hardworking boys. At the age of 14 years he started out for himself. He worked on farms over in Iowa, and did all kinds of labor until one day he graduated from the law school of the Iowa State university.

During all his varied legal and political activities, as a result of which for many years he has been in the searching glare directed at a man in public life, the judge has continued to make friends in all parties and factions by his upright, kindness and ability. More than one young lawyer attributes successes won in various cases to assistance freely given by Judge Baker.

Those persons who believe it would be an advantage to Omaha and Nebraska to be represented in congress by a strong man, in contrast to the democratic record of this same office are among the first who are convinced of the merit of Judge Baker's candidacy, and will be the nucleus of his following.

"Yes, I have fully made up my mind to be a candidate for the republican nomination for congress of this district at the next primaries," said the judge. "Have you formulated or have you any particular platform on which you are to go before the people?" he was asked.

"Of course, I am a republican, and I believe in the principles of the party. I am in favor of protective tariff duties equal to the difference of the cost of labor in the production at home and abroad, with a reasonable profit to the home industry and no more, and where the tariff inures to the benefit of the manufacturer instead of the wage earner the tariff should be taken off. A protective tariff should be reduced to the minimum, keeping in mind a protection of our wage earners and producers.

"I am also in favor of a rigid enforcement of the Sherman anti-trust law. Guilt is personal.

"I am in favor of government corporation control and regulation of all interstate commerce business with the following provisions and prohibitions: (a) Prohibiting the issuance of watered stock. (b) Property value of such corporations to be their actual value; franchise to be no part of such value. (c) Provisions for the publicity of all receipts and disbursements of such corporations. (d) Provisions for regulating railroad rates and prohibiting rebates and discrimination in shipping.

"I am in favor of government conservation of all its natural resources, that they may inure to the benefit of all the people.

"I am in favor of the right to petition congress without restriction to any class, regardless of their occupation and employment.

"I am in favor of a separate bureau for the welfare of the children of the nation.

"I believe in a reasonable and rational preparedness for the safety of our nation, bearing in mind that we are not and should not be a military nation. Our coast defenses should be adequate for all probable requirements. I do not favor a large standing army, but we should have facilities whereby a large army of educated and equipped men can be readily called into service.

Dr. Sun Reported Returning to China From Tokio, Japan

BERKELEY, Cal., Jan. 2.—Dr. Sun Yat Sen, first president of the republic of China, has escaped from surveillance under which he is said to have been held in Tokio, Japan, for more than two years, and is on his way back to China, according to a statement made today by Fo Sun, son of the former president, who is a student in a senior class at the University of California, following the receipt of the message from his father.

"Shan Chung Huen has been named provisional head of the revolutionists as he is a military expert," said Fo Sun today. "I do not think there is any doubt of the success of the revolution as more than half of the provinces are in open revolt against Yuan Shi Kai. I do not know exactly where my father is, but I presume that he is in China or on his way there. He left Tokio several days ago."

According to prominent Chinese in San Francisco Dr. Sun has the confidence of the republican factions, especially those in the southern provinces of China.

SISTERS ARE BURIED IN SAME GRAVE AT SIDNEY

SIDNEY, Ia., Jan. 2.—(Special.)—There was a double funeral in Sidney Friday when Louella Mae Richards, aged 14 years, and her sister, Alma Marie Richards, aged 13 years, were buried in the same grave. They died of scarlet fever. The younger one died first, and while the undertaker was at the home preparing the body for burial, the older sister died. They were the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Richards, who live six miles southeast of Sidney. There is but one child left in the family, a younger daughter.

FREDDIE WELSH OUTPOINTS WHITNEY WITH SOME EASE

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 2.—Freddie Welsh, lightweight champion, easily outpointed Frank Whitney in a ten-round no-decision bout here last night. Whitney was credited with one round, the fourth, and during the remainder of the fight it appeared Welsh was not extending himself.

PERSIA REPORTED SUNK UNWARNED; AMERICAN LOST

Unofficial Dispatches from Cairo Say British Liner Torpedoed in Mediterranean Without Notice.

GOES DOWN IN FIVE MINUTES United States Consul McNeely Is Assorted to Have Perished.

ABOUT 150 SURVIVORS LAND

LONDON, Jan. 2.—Unofficial dispatches from Cairo state that the British steamship Persia, sunk in the Mediterranean on Thursday, was torpedoed without warning and sank in five minutes.

Between 150 and 160 survivors have been landed at Alexandria, Egypt.

Robert N. McNeely, American consul at Aden, Arabia, is believed to have been drowned.

Reuter's Cairo correspondent makes the unreserved statement that Mr. McNeely lost his life. Charles H. Grant of Boston was saved.

Details of the sinking of the Persia came in slowly today, but such information as was received made it appear that the number of persons who escaped in the four boats which were put off was larger than was hoped when the first news was received yesterday. The Peninsula & Oriental company, which owned the Persia, announced this morning that 158 survivors had arrived at Alexandria.

A Lloyd's dispatch gives the number as 153, made up of fifty-nine passengers of whom seventeen are women and ninety-four members of the crew including 139 sailors.

The survivors include ten military officers and eight persons who are not British subjects.

"The ship was struck amidships on the port side at 1:10 p. m.," says Reuter's correspondent at Cairo. "She had disappeared completely by 1:15 p. m."

"Survivors say it was little short of a miracle that any one was saved. There was no panic. Four boats were launched with the utmost promptitude. The captain was drowned. When last seen he was swimming after the liner had plunged beneath the surface."

Both the Peninsula and Oriental company and Reuter's Cairo correspondent say that Mr. Grant has been landed at Alexandria. The steamship company this afternoon had received no news of Mr. McNeely's fate.

Edward Tose of Denver, left the Persia at Gibraltar as was reported yesterday.

Serbian King Peter Is Now at Saloniki

LONDON, Jan. 2.—King Peter of Serbia, who reached Italy last week from Albania, is said by Reuter's Athens correspondent to have arrived at Saloniki on a French battleship. He was accompanied by several Serbian ministers and officers.

Al Ringling Is Dead; Noted Circus Owner

BARABOO, Wis., Jan. 2.—Al Ringling, 65 years old, died here yesterday of Bright's disease. He had been ill about a year. Mr. Ringling was the oldest of the Ringling brothers, circus owners, who have their winter headquarters here. Mr. Ringling is survived by a widow.

HAILSTORM FRIGHTENS PEOPLE OF TABLE ROCK

TABLE ROCK, Neb., Jan. 2.—(Special.)—A terrible electrical storm passed over here at about 11 o'clock Friday night accompanied by loud peals of thunder and blinding flashes of lightning. Hail fell in great quantities and chunks of ice, many of which were discernible on the walks and streets at daylight this morning. There was a heavy fog at the time and the darkness could almost be felt. Many were badly frightened at the loud roar which came with the storm. A drizzling rain fell nearly all night.

EIGHT THOUSAND ATTEND TIJUANA RACE OPENING

TIJUANA, Mexico, Jan. 2.—Despite adverse weather conditions more than 8,000 persons attended the inaugural race meet of the Lower California Jockey club here today. A light rain had made the course soggy and slow time was recorded in each of the six events.

Prominent sporting men from Los Angeles and San Francisco and race track enthusiasts from Juarez, New Orleans and eastern cities were here for the opening. The meet will continue for 100 days.

FEWER FIRES IN CHICAGO LAST YEAR THAN IN 1914

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—The fire loss in Chicago in 1915 was \$1,153,734, according to the report of Chief O'Connor. Chicago's firemen responded to 15,521 alarms in 1915, and in 1914 they made 14,771 runs. This decrease of 1,850 fires was ascribed to three causes: The fire was discovered the summer months, the work of the fire prevention bureau in stimulating greater precautions against fire, the arrests and convictions of members of the "arson trust."

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