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THE WEATHER
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SOCIETY WOMAN SLAYS MATE AS HE ATTACKS HER

Mrs. John L. Smith, Wealthy Divorcee, Shoots Husband When He Says He Will Tear Clothes Off.

KILLING IN DENVER HOME

Man, She Declares, Threatened to Kill Her Daughter by Former Marriage.

TELLS OF HORROR NIGHT

Denver, Colo., Jan. 13.—Mrs. Stella M. Smith told the police late today of events leading up to the fatal shooting of her husband, John L. Smith, in their home in a fashionable residence district early today. Mrs. Smith, the police declared, said her husband threatened to tear her clothing from her, among other alleged indignities, and said he was going to kill her and her daughter by a former marriage, Mildred Moore.

Mrs. Smith formerly was the wife of William A. Moore, prominent attorney, brother of Julian A. Moore, recently named district judge here, and son of former Bishop David Moore of Kansas City. She was the step-daughter of Alfred Britton of Chicago and formerly of Fort Worth and other Texas cities, who made a fortune in the Beaumont, Tex., oil development.

Tells of Horror Night.

Dry-eyed, Mrs. Smith told officials of a night of horror, at the culmination of which, early this morning she shot Smith with a small revolver as he attacked her once more. She told how she stepped over the man lying on the floor beside her bed, called a servant, and returning, she had feared that Smith was not dead and had shot him again with his own pistol, leaning over to place the weapon close to his head.

John Bindle, the servant, who admitted Smith and whom Mrs. Smith called, told of seeing her fire the second shot.

W. A. Moore, Mrs. Smith's husband until four years ago, went to the house about 4 o'clock this morning, summoned a servant at the behest of Mrs. Smith, who feared for Mildred's safety. Moore took his daughter and went away without going into the house. Mildred cried at leaving her mother, he said, and asked him if he had heard her screams when Smith choked her.

Tries to Shoot Moore.

Mrs. Smith said that as Moore drove away Smith tried to shoot him, threatening to kill both man and girl, but that she struggled with him and prevented him from the pistol he pointed at them.

Mrs. Smith telephoned Moore at his hotel, apprising him of the shooting. "I have just killed him," she is quoted as saying over the telephone. "Bring the police."

When officers arrived at the Smith home, overturned furniture in the hall and rooms told the story of the struggle.

Moore told of vain efforts to secure a policeman to accompany him to the house for Mrs. Smith's protection and said, "I suppose I ought to have killed Smith myself, but I hadn't the heart to do it."

Prof. Jones of South Dakota Says Charges Are Malicious

Pierre, S. D., Jan. 13.—Prof. Franklin Jones of the University of South Dakota, testifying in a hearing before the house of the South Dakota legislature on charges of physical examinations alleged to have been conducted by him on students in state schools, denied charges against him and characterized as "malicious" reports that he had forced examinations of girls in schools of the state. The professor declared his work had been entirely along the line of an investigator of measurements of the human body, and that in his research he had been associated with many physicians in the state. He said that while he had made many examinations of infants, they had always been conducted at the request of the parents.

The case has caused much comment throughout the state and was today brought before the legislature.

Threat to Blow Up Allied Bazaar in Chicago Coliseum

Chicago, Jan. 12.—One of the first acts of Chicago's new chief of police, Herman F. Schuetter, was to order guard of thirty policemen for the coliseum, where the Allied bazaar is being held. An unsigned letter containing a warning that the coliseum would be "blown up" caused the precautionary measure. The bazaar has been made safe.

The Weather

For Nebraska—Pair: slowly rising temperature. Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.

| Hour | 1917 | 1916 | 1915 | 1914 |
|----------|------|------|------|------|
| 2 a. m. | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 |
| 7 a. m. | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 |
| 8 a. m. | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 |
| 9 a. m. | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 |
| 10 a. m. | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 |
| 11 a. m. | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 |
| 12 m. | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 |
| 1 p. m. | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 |
| 2 p. m. | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 |
| 3 p. m. | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 |
| 4 p. m. | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 |
| 5 p. m. | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 |
| 6 p. m. | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 |
| 7 p. m. | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 |

Comparative Local Record.

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|-----------------------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Highest yesterday— | 1917 | 1916 | 1915 | 1914 |
| Lowest yesterday— | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 |
| Mean temperature— | 6 | 16 | 41 | 32 |
| Precipitation— | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 |
| Normal precipitation | 1.48 | 1.48 | 1.48 | 1.48 |
| Deficiency for the day— | 1.48 | 1.48 | 1.48 | 1.48 |
| Deficiency since March 1— | 1.48 | 1.48 | 1.48 | 1.48 |
| Normal precipitation | .05 | .05 | .05 | .05 |
| Deficiency for the day— | 1.48 | 1.48 | 1.48 | 1.48 |
| Deficiency since March 1— | 1.48 | 1.48 | 1.48 | 1.48 |
| Deficiency for cor. period, 1916— | 1.48 | 1.48 | 1.48 | 1.48 |
| Deficiency for cor. period, 1915— | 1.48 | 1.48 | 1.48 | 1.48 |

Indicates below zero.

Two Election Boards, One to Count, Provided in the McMullen Measure

Gage Senator Believes Nebraska Should Have More Modern Election System

TO KNOW RESULT EASIER

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Lincoln, Jan. 13.—(Special)—Delays in the counting of the vote at elections will be done away with if a bill introduced yesterday by Senator Adam McMullen of Gage becomes a law.

Senator McMullen's bill provides for a double election board. The first, or regular board, begins its duties at the regular hour and continues them throughout the day. The auxiliary board comes on at 1 o'clock in the afternoon and the ballot boxes, books, etc., of the regular board are turned over to them for the purpose of counting and compiling the ballots and votes.

When these have been counted they return the empty boxes and the canvassing books to the regular board and take the second boxes and continue the count.

If the new law is passed two sets of ballot boxes and books will be required and the room in which the balloting is done will have to be provided with a petitioned off room in which the counting board will go to make the count. No one will be allowed within the room where the counting is going on and no individual.

FED ROAD GRANT MAY BE CAST ASIDE

Legislators Appear in Notion to Balk and Nebraska May Lose Out.

UNLESS THE COUNTIES ACT

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Lincoln, Jan. 13.—(Special)—Nebraska may not take advantage of the offer of the United States government in the appropriation made for good roads building in this state, if a considerable number of the members of the lower house are successful in carrying out their ideas.

This is the fear of the members of the State Highway commission, after the meeting in the office of the governor yesterday, where it was shown that a strong sentiment appeared to exist that the government was trying to put something over on the state.

Much regret is felt among the good roads men, who had hoped that the state now had a chance to get a system of good roads and not have to stand the full expense.

There is still hope that the situation may be partially remedied by the counties themselves. The matter is being looked up to discover if in case the legislature carries out its tight-wad policy the counties may take up the matter and save the state the humiliation of losing out entirely.

Two Girls Held On Blackmail Charge At Cedar Rapids

Cedar Rapids, Ia., Jan. 13.—Miss Doris Bryne and Miss Mahala Reed of Chicago were in the county jail here tonight while their attorney made vain attempts to obtain bonds of \$10,000 each for the girls, who are charged in indictments with "malicious threats to extort" and conspiracy in connection with the alleged blackmailing of Franklin Junkerman, a local merchant.

A warrant also was issued for Jarlold Jirka a Chicago attorney, who is said to have come here with the girls in the alleged effort to blackmail Junkerman. It is alleged Junkerman paid \$15,000 to the girls under threat of an accusation of misconduct.

John Kelly President of Masonic Temple Craft

At the annual meeting of the board of directors of the Masonic Temple craft of Omaha the auditing committee reported assets totaling nearly \$500,000. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: John Kelley, president; Dr. A. S. Pinto, vice president; Luther B. Hoyt, treasurer; H. E. Race, secretary.

Bill for Thirteenth Farm Loan Bank is Reported

Washington, Jan. 13.—Senator Shafroth's bill to create a thirteenth federal farm loan district of Colorado, Wyoming, Utah and New Mexico, with a farm land bank at Denver, was approved today by the senate banking committee and ordered favorably reported.

Herbert Wehn of Bridgeport Are Invited to Omaha

A special train over the Northwestern will leave Hay Springs Sunday night, carrying 200 Sheridan county boosters, enroute to Lincoln, there to attend the meeting of Organized Agriculture that will convene Monday morning. In addition to carrying the boosters, the train carries three carloads of the agricultural products of Sheridan county. A display of these products will be made in Lincoln.

Plans are being matured to have the members of the convention visit the old bridge inspectors under the old administration. They are Fred Albers of Columbus, S. A. Swanson of Holdrege and L. B. Horrocks of Falls City. These men draw pay at the rate of \$100 a month for the actual work they do. Half of their salary is met by the state and the other half by the counties in which state aid bridges, which they oversee, are being built.

John Q. Holmes of Orleans, Neb., has been reappointed deputy game warden by Governor Neville. No action has been taken on the other two deputies in the department. The salary is \$75 a month for eight months.

Old Water Main from

Florence to Omaha Breaks

A break in the old thirty-six-inch water main at Twenty-fourth street and Ellison avenue caused an interruption in the service over an area of nearly a square mile. By means of valves the service mains supplying this district were connected with the forty-eight-inch main and domestic service resumed.

For a considerable distance beyond the break the pavement was forced up by the strong pressure of escaping water. The water spouted geyser-like from the earth.

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plans to give publicity to the movement in the public schools accounted for the small attendance, club women and movie managers explain.

The special programs will be continued every Saturday morning at 10 o'clock at these two theaters, after which the special shows will be given at neighborhood theaters.

Wyoming Legislature Pays Honor to Cody's Memory

Cheyenne, Wyo., Jan. 12.—Both houses of the Wyoming legislature today appointed their members from Park county, for many years the home of Colonel William F. Cody, to attend the colonel's funeral in Denver Sunday as representatives of the legislature.

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Time Will Tell



CODY'S FAVORITE SONG AT FUNERAL

Tenting on the Old Camp Ground Will Be One of Vocal Musical Numbers.

FINAL ARRANGEMENT MADE

(Associated Press War Summary.)

By sharp thrusts north of the American, on the Somme front, the British are making inroads upon the German lines there. Today another attack is reported, Berlin announcing an assault on Serre, resulting in a footing being gained by the British in one advanced position, the Germans, however, retaining the main position.

In Roumania it is the Teutonic side that continues to gain ground, both along the Moldavian west frontier and down the line southwestward to the Danube. Northwest of Braila the Russians lost another town, when Milaia was stormed by Turkish troops, who drove part of the garrison into the Sereth, where the men drowned trying to escape, and captured the remainder to the number of 400.

Bulgarian forces captured a monastery at the junction of the Buzu and the Sereth to the northeast, and on the Moldavian line German troops pushed forward in the Slanic valley, effecting important captures of material. Heavy losses were inflicted upon the Russians in the Oituz valley, where strong forces made futile attacks.

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