

PASTOR SLUGGED ON MARRIAGE CALL

Rev. D. E. Cleveland Is Beaten
Up at Paxton Hotel When
He Goes to Officiate
at Wedding.

Called to the Paxton hotel to perform a marriage ceremony late Friday afternoon, Rev. D. E. Cleveland, pastor of the Central Park Congregational church, was threatened and then slugged and choked in an alleged blackmail plot.

He was found unconscious in a locked bathroom on the fourth floor of the hotel by H. S. Haffner, scoutmaster of Troop No. 12, who had followed Cleveland to the hotel. Mr. Cleveland was not seriously hurt. His eye was blackened and he received several face abrasions.

Friday afternoon shortly after 4:30 Mr. Cleveland received a phone call from a man who asked him to hurry to the Paxton hotel to officiate at his marriage ceremony.

Receives Hurry Call.

"We can't come to your home, because we will leave for Blair in a few hours," the man said.

Mr. Cleveland said he did not want to make the trip down, but when the man insisted and promised him \$15 for the ceremony he decided to come.

Mr. Cleveland invited Mr. Haffner, who was calling at the home, to accompany him.

"Mr. Cleveland was rather suspicious and laughingly told me that he didn't know what he might run into," said Mr. Haffner.

"I didn't go down with Mr. Cleveland, but followed in about fifteen minutes. I met him in the lobby shortly before 6 o'clock."

Mr. Cleveland said he called at the room where the Mr. Blackwell was supposed to be. He did not locate his party, he said, but found a Mr. Blackwell registered who did not happen to be the man he was looking for.

Mr. Cleveland said he then went to the first floor, where he talked a few minutes to Mr. Haffner.

"I told him I would try once more and went up to the third floor."

Woman in the Case.

"In the hallway I met a man who I asked if he knew of anyone who had asked for a preacher."

"Yes," he replied.

"They are waiting for you on the floor above."

"I had gone to the farther end of the hall when a young woman, stylishly dressed, accosted me and threw her arms around my neck."

"I tried to shake her off. Just then two men came upon the scene."

"Now I've got the goods on you," the heavy set one said.

"The two men told me I would either have to pay \$500 or they would ruin my reputation and drive me from my church."

"Do you think I am a fool," I answered. "I told them I would pay them nothing."

"I've got a man downstairs who will be up here any minute," I told them.

"I'll settle with him," the heavy man said. "The other man and woman left."

"I told him I would not stand for blackmail. He grabbed hold of me and choked me. Something hit me over the eye. I can't remember anything else."

Is Found Unconscious.

Before going to the third floor Mr. Cleveland had told Haffner in a laughing way that if he did not show up in thirty minutes to look for him.

Mr. Haffner said he started to investigate when the time elapsed. He heard groans when he approached the bathroom. "I called the clerk and a bell boy."

"I found Mr. Cleveland unconscious and covered with blood."

Dick Kitchen, manager of the Paxton hotel, said that the parties to the attempted blackmail did not register.

Mr. Cleveland said he did not notify the police.

About a year ago Mr. Cleveland was attacked while returning from a visit to Portsmouth during a prohibition fight. He was assaulted and left unconscious by the roadside.

"The only way I can account for the attack yesterday is that the same bunch tried to finish their grudge against me."

Commercial Club Members
Taboo Spuds that Will Grow

The Commercial club members of Omaha are eating potatoes that will not grow.

At least so the club has informed the Hamilton club of Chicago. The Hamilton club and other Chicago clubs asked the Omaha Commercial club to join them in a campaign to cut potatoes off the menu until after the month of June in order that all possible potatoes might be spared for seed.

The Omaha Commercial club answered the letter by saying the kind of potatoes the club here uses could not possibly be used for seed potatoes.

Persistent Advertising is the Road to Success.

Red Cross Has Touching Appeal For Some More Hospital Supplies

The following touching appeal for more hospital supplies was received by Mrs. O. C. Redick, chairman of the Red Cross committee on hospital supplies, from Mrs. Finch, chairman of the national surgical dressings work-in-France.

"The work has grown so tremendously that we will never be able to send us all we need. Out of 30,000 articles being made each day, 200,000 are being sent daily to the front."

"A few days ago I went to the military hospitals to watch the Carrel treatment. By chance I saw one of the nurses go to the cupboards for binders and slings, only to find it literally bare except for a few rags. She explained that it was the most we can get. The war has lasted so long every thing is giving out. We are having more and more military hospitals on our books every week and the fighting during the summer will be heavier."

"Remember, we send only on demand, and we are ready to weep many days when our shelves are empty and there are piles of requests on the desk."

"Orders for sterile materials are very large and our three machines are kept working all the time. We want all the raw material you can send, and don't forget sewing cotton and safety pins. The cotton should be 30, 40 and 60. Sometimes we can shop all over Paris without being able to secure any."

"We do not get enough absorbent cotton. Won't the committee put a few rolls in every case?"

"Every bit of the cotton flannel, unbleached muslin, rubber sheeting and white oiled cloth sent is appreciated and every bit of it is put into use the minute it arrives. The splints we make are in great demand, so send us what rubber you can. They are sent to the evacuation hospitals, where they have no time to prepare such things themselves."

"Madame Lyautey, wife of the former minister of war, has asked us for 500 incompetent pads a month and the Pasteur institute asked us to help them with their mosquito nets. We do all this in outside time and shall make 1,000 of them."

"We also need more pillow cases. If you can send them, we will make pillows to fit them."

"We live so close to the war and see so much of the suffering at first hand. Please send more and more all the time."

Stillman Visits Omaha—Charles C. Stillman of St. Paul, supervisor of relief work among dependent soldiers' and sailors' families of North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Missouri and Iowa, was in Omaha Saturday morning conferring with Mrs. Frank Judson on the work to be done in Nebraska.

The scope of the work under the direction of Mrs. C. M. Wilhelm, chairman of the committee in charge at present, is to investigate and register those who probably will be in need.

Mrs. Ure Elected Chairman—Mrs. W. G. Ure was elected chairman of the finance committee of the National League for Woman Service Saturday morning at the Fontenelle at the weekly meeting of the executive board.

Luther Drake, Frank Hamilton and Howard Baldrige were appointed as the printing committee.

The Omaha branch of the league decided to co-operate with the national organization in the production of a film illustrating the work and aims of the organization.

The commissary department discussed plans to start an educational campaign in the canning and drying of food. Delegates from the department will be sent to the state canning convention which will be held June 11 to 15 at Lincoln.

Mrs. Lowrie Childs reported that the Bird masque is progressing. Mrs. E. P. Peck was appointed to look up the knitting machines which were ordered several weeks ago and seem to have been lost, apparently, en route.

New Auxiliary Organized—A Red Cross auxiliary, composed of 700 women of Burgess-Nash and M. E. Smith & Co., and known as the Mesco-Burns auxiliary, have organized for the purpose of raising funds for hospital supplies. The organization has pledged itself to provide money for supplies sufficient to fill three kits within a month. The supplies for each kit will cost \$16. Enough money will be raised the first week to buy the supplies for the first kit.

Red, white and blue boxes have been placed about the Burgess-Nash and M. E. Smith & Co. establishments. The members will be asked to drop in as much as they feel able after each pay day.

To systematize the work, the auxiliary has elected captains, each of whom has charge of a division. Wednesday mornings committee meeting will be held and the money counted.

Miss Margaret Butler is chairman of the Burgess-Nash contingent, while Charles Duffy is chairman of the M. E. Smith & Co. group. The M. E. Smith & Co. committee consists of Bess Greenfield, secretary; Mrs. F. H. Do-Beck, Agnes O'Connor, Christine Smith and the Misses Jennings and Mintem. Effie Merrymore, Nell Halligan, Katherine Edwin and Florence Schmidt compose the committee in charge at Burgess-Nash.

The club is planning a pie and ice cream sale to raise money for the fund, and a general raffle.

Customers are urged to drop a few pennies or small change received from purchases in the collection boxes to assist in the work.

Schedule for Week—Though 500 women are working as rapidly as their fingers can fly on hospital supplies at

the Baird building, there is room for more workers and the demand for supplies is greater than ever.

The following calendar is the schedule at the Baird building:

Monday morning, U. S. Grant corps; Mrs. J. M. Taliaferro, chairman.

Monday afternoon, George Crook corps; Mrs. W. F. Hough, chairman.

Tuesday morning, First Presbyterian church auxiliary; Mrs. J. M. Aikin, chairman.

Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. Ezra Millard.

Wednesday, Turner Park auxiliary; Mrs. J. C. Wrath, chairman.

Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. Margaret Grimmel's circle.

Wednesday morning, First Christian church auxiliary; Mrs. W. W. Hovey, chairman.

Thursday morning, Westminster Presbyterian church auxiliary; Mrs. F. J. Fitzgerald, chairman.

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Friday morning, Equal Franchise society; Mrs. J. M. Metcalf, chairman.

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Rainfall is Almost a Cloudburst In the Republican River Valley

Out in the state the rain of Friday afternoon and night was the heaviest of the year. Country along the Republican river valley and the low grounds of the sandhills was completely flooded.

Precipitation of two to three inches is reported from Randolph, Seward, Grand Island, St. Paul, Central City, Superior, Nebraska City, Hastings, Harvard and Aurora, with three and one-half to four inches at Pauline, Greeley Center, Burwell, Sargent and Guide Rock.

Along the Northwestern from Omaha to Long Pine the rainfall was two to three inches, and along the

Burlington's southern line across the state, two to four inches.

Numerous slight washouts are reported by the Burlington and Northwestern, but none of them serious enough to delay traffic. Railroad men say the rain will be of inestimable benefit to growing crops and the range.

While the weather has been cool during the last week, crop growth has been fairly rapid, and farmers have made great headway with their work.

The weekly crop report of the Northwestern, having to do with Nebraska conditions up to and including Friday, indicates a condition much better than had been expected.

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