



KUGEL SAYS POLICE DEPARTMENT IS NOT CORRUPT; SEEK TO ABOLISH CHIEF OF DETECTIVES' OFFICE; ITALIANS TIGHTEN GRIP ON DUINO; TAKE HEAVY GUNS

MALONEY TO HOLD JOB UNTIL AFTER CHADRON TRIAL

City Commissioners Decide Not to Abolish Office Before Hearing of Black-mail Case.

No action affecting the status of Captain Maloney of the detective department will be taken until after his trial at Chadron on a charge of conspiracy to blackmail.

Superintendent Kugel of the police department, after the city council committee of the whole asked the city commissioners to go with him into an executive session to consider, as he explained, a resolution to abolish the office of chief of detectives, now held by Maloney.

Commissioners Butler, Park and Withnell refused to join the star chamber session, stating that the matter is of public interest and should be discussed in open session.

Commissioner Hummel also was against the executive session, but was present because the meeting happened to be held in his office.

Mayor Favors Delay. It was Superintendent Kugel's purpose to refer the Maloney resolution at the regular council meeting Tuesday morning, but at the close of the executive meeting he announced that he would take no action until after the Chadron case had been disposed of.

"I don't think it would be fair to jeopardize Maloney's case at Chadron by taking summary action here at this time," explained Mayor Dahlman, who opposed Kugel's plan of action.

If the superintendent of police can't get sufficient backing of the city council he will abolish the position of chief of detectives and assign Maloney to work as detective, which place he held when he was appointed head of the detective department September 1, 1912.

Superintendent Kugel returned to his office Monday after a period of illness and recuperation. He was kept busy all day answering telephone calls and listening to versions of the local storm which broke during his absence.

No Attention to Maloney. Commenting on an interview given out by Captain Maloney, that at a meeting held at the Kugel residence a suggestion was made to "job" him (Maloney), Kugel said:

"I am not paying any attention to that fellow. He is likely to stay any thing. I am willing to have the police department investigated. The facts will all be brought out later. There was no meeting at my house."

Asked why he wished an executive meeting of the city commissioners, Kugel replied: "There is some stuff I want to bring out, and I don't think it should be made public at this time."

Charges prepared and signed last Saturday by Chief Dunn against Captain Maloney and Detective Sutton have been held up in Superintendent Kugel's office and will not be filed until after the Chadron case has been tried.

The chief charged conduct unbecoming officers of the police department.

Omaha men involved or interested in the Chadron affair will leave Wednesday afternoon for the Dawes county seat to attend the trial, which will open Thursday morning.

Rockefeller Takes Third Five Million

New York, May 28.—John D. Rockefeller today subscribed another \$5,000,000 to the Liberty loan. This makes \$15,000,000 worth of the bonds taken by him.

The Weather

For Nebraska—Fair; warmer. Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.

Table with columns for Hour, Deg., and temperature readings for various times of the day.

Comparative Local Record.

Table comparing local weather records for 1917, 1916, 1915, and 1914, including high and low temperatures.

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

Table showing weather reports from various stations at 7 P.M., including temperature, wind, and cloud conditions.

June Eighteenth Fixed As Date of Kelly's Trial

Red Oak, Ia., May 28.—(Special Telegram.)—Judge E. B. Woodruff held a session of court here today and an agreement was reached this afternoon between the attorneys for Rev. L. G. Kelly, now in jail at Logan charged with the Villisca axe murders of 1912, and attorneys for the state, setting June 18 as a tentative date for the trial.

No Memorial Day Papers In New York; Paper Saved

New York, May 28.—The evening newspapers of New York City have decided not to publish any editions on Memorial Day. The purpose of this step is the conserving of white paper, and it is estimated that it will result in a saving of 250 tons.

KUGEL STANDS PAT FOR SUTTON IN POLICE ROW

Head of Department, in Formal Statement, Declares Dishonest Men on Force Should Not Discredit Faithful.

Police Commissioner Al C. Kugel in a formal statement issued Monday declares that he wants the fullest investigation into the workings and personnel of the Omaha police department.

These things are made clear by the commissioner's statement: "Kugel's suspicions that all was not well in the department were aroused early in April."

Kugel caused Detectives Sutton and Anderson to work out of his office and report direct to him.

Kugel gave Sutton leave of absence and sent him to Chadron. Developments of a sensational character followed and Chief of Detectives Steve Maloney and Sutton are under bond to appear for trial at Chadron Thursday.

Kugel says the police department as a whole is not corrupt. If there are dishonest men in the department their conduct should not cast suspicion upon honest, faithful members.

The commissioner's statement follows: "His Suspicions Aroused."

"On returning after recovery from my recent illness I am not in as good a position to make a statement of things that have transpired during the last few weeks as if I had been on the job during that time."

"At the end of March of this year I caught faint rumblings of things that aroused my suspicion in connection with the workings of the police department, or rather of certain officers of the department."

"I concluded to direct a personal investigation and to that end I had Officers Sutton and Anderson work directly out of my office and make their reports to me."

"It was under this arrangement that Officer Sutton was given leave of absence and it was under this leave of absence that he made the trip to Chadron, which has been so much talked of in the papers recently."

"During the first week of April I began to feel ill and April 12 Dr. Gilmore pronounced my case typhoid fever and ordered me to bed. He allowed me to see no one for several weeks. This came at a juncture in the work of the department which was of vital importance."

"From April 12 until this morning I was unable to be at my office or to direct the work of the police department. During that time, at my request, Commissioner Jardine took over the management and was given charge."

Let Truth Be Known. "I have learned through the columns of the daily papers that things have been transpiring rapidly during the last few weeks and names of various persons are being mentioned. So far as the police department or any member of it is concerned I stand for the fullest measure of investigation. Let the truth be known. With disputes between persons not members of the department, I am not concerned and shall not concern myself."

"The police department as a whole is not corrupt. We have officers and men in that department who perform their daily duties with the utmost fidelity, and if there be some in the department whose conduct has not been what it should, or who have interested themselves in things they should have suppressed, such action should not cast suspicion upon the honest, faithful members of the department."

"Now that court proceedings have been started I shall welcome the fullest investigation of any, and all persons connected with the police department. When the facts have been established, whether it may meet with the approval of all or the disapproval of some, I feel that such determination should be accepted as conclusive for the purpose of official action."

"In the meantime I shall, as rapidly as I can get matters in hand, make recommendations to the city council favoring such changes as in my judgment should be made before the legal battle in the courts has reached its final conclusion, because of the slowness with which such proceedings progress."

AMERICAN-MADE FRENCH HEAVY GUNS—Part of a new consignment of shells for big guns arrived from the United States undergoing inspection by French ordnance experts in Toulon.



AMERICAN SHELLS FOR FRANCE

JURY WHEEL PLAN TO GOVERN DRAFT OF NEW FORCES

No Claims for Exemption to Be Considered Until Each District Provides Number of Men Apportioned.

Washington, May 28.—Regulations to govern exemptions under the selective draft are being worked out by Provost Marshal General Crowder, with a number of prominent lawyers.

Although the plans are not yet complete, it is possible that the jury wheel system will be followed in selecting those who are to go into the first army of 500,000 and not until the names have been drawn and each registration district has provided the number apportioned to it, will exemptions be considered.

As each individual drawn reports, his claim for exemption will be passed upon and if he is exempted another will be drawn to fill the vacancy.

Local Exemption Boards. The law provides for local exemption boards in each county and for each 30,000 in city populations. Boards of review also will be established on the basis of one or more to each federal judicial district.

General Crowder said that only confusion would result from the reported intention of men above the fixed age to register on June 5.

"This is mistaken patriotism," he said, "and registrars will be instructed to accept cards only from men between the ages of 21 and 30, inclusive."

Censor Creel Drafts Rules for Newspapers

Washington, May 28.—Censorship regulations were mailed to every American newspaper by the committee on public information today.

George Creel, chairman of the committee, entirely disclaims any object of suppressing any news except that which would be useful to the enemy.

The committee has divided its specifications of information which would be useful to the enemy into three classifications: General, naval and military.

In the absence of any law on the subject the committee believes that the regulations drawn will loyally be supported by the American press.

Perham Again Head of Railway Telegraphers

Seattle, Wash., May 28.—Delegates to the biennial convention of the International Order of Railroad Telegraphers today re-elected President H. B. Perham, St. Louis, who received 259 votes, against 81 cast for J. H. Boyle of Boston.

There was a spirited contest for the secretary-treasurership, and C. B. Rawlins of Moores Hill, Ind., defeated L. W. Quick of St. Louis, a candidate for re-election, after holding the office sixteen years. Rawlins received 232 of the 440 votes cast.

Chinese Senate Approves Li Ching-Hsi as Premier

Peking, China, May 28.—The Chinese senate today approved the nomination of Li Ching-Hsi as premier in succession to Tuan Chi Jui, who was dismissed by the president. The vote was 365 to 31.

The Chinese house of representatives approved the nomination of Li Ching-Hsi on Sunday.

Kaiser Tells His Army British Attack Ended

Ottawa, May 28.—A report that Emperor William of Germany recently visited Douai in France is contained in an unofficial dispatch received today from Canadian army headquarters in France.

"Addressing a gathering of officers of troops holding the Scarpe Line," the cablegram asserts, "the emperor announced that the British offensive in the region of the Scarpe is at an end."

The dispatch adds: "Had his officers taken him to points east of Vimy, where the German defenses are crumbling under the Canadian guns, he might not have been so dogmatic."

MRS. C. L. DUNDEY ASKS A DIVORCE: SAYS NAGGED HER

Wife of Attorney Says She Was Forced to Work to Support Herself and Son.

Mae L. Dundey, 3114 Poppleton avenue, is suing Charles L. Dundey, Omaha attorney, for divorce in district court.

Allegations that he "constantly nagged her" and "cross, unpleasant and unattractive when she was sick" are made.

She also charges that he failed to provide sufficient means for support of herself and their 14-year-old son, Charles L. Dundey, jr.

Mrs. Dundey alleges that she was compelled to work in order to support herself and son.

The Dundeys were married in Omaha March 20, 1899.

Before her marriage, Mrs. Dundey was Miss Mae Bartlett, prominent society girl, and a popular leader in Omaha's exclusive set.

Her father, E. M. Bartlett, former district judge and prominent Omaha attorney, was also former chief of Ak-Sar-Ben. Mr. Bartlett is now living in Kansas City, Mo.

Witness in Mooney Case Held on Perjury Charge

San Francisco, May 28.—Frank C. Oxman, leading witness in a murder trial which brought death sentence to Thomas J. Mooney, was held today by Judge Matthew Brady in the police court here to answer in the superior court to a charge of attempted subornation of perjury.

Bail of \$1,000 cash was furnished. Mooney's case was appealed.

Oxman is accused of attempting to induce F. E. Rigall of Grayville, Ill., to testify falsely in the Mooney case, an outgrowth of a bomb explosion last July when ten persons were killed.

Twenty-Five Thousand Join Naval Reserve

Washington, May 28.—Enlistments in the naval reserve forces since the war began has brought the personnel of all branches up to about 25,000, or almost half the size of the regular navy a year ago. This includes the fleet reserve, the naval auxiliary, volunteer coast defense and flying corps reserve and women enlisted for special duty.

To Reopen Thirtieth Street From Ames Avenue to Fort

City commissioners approved wrecut brick as material for repaving Thirtieth street, Ames avenue to Fort street. The price will be \$2.54 a yard, with credit of 5 cents per yard for old brick taken up.

EXPLOSION ROCKS JAP CITY; 70 DEAD: LOSS \$6,000,000

Many Killed and Injured and Property Damage Is Great When Osaka Warehouse Is Blown Up.

Osaka, Japan, May 28.—Seventy persons were killed and 200 injured in a series of terrific explosions and a fire which occurred in the warehouse district of Osaka yesterday.

The whole of Osaka and its neighboring towns and villages were thrown into a panic. The sound of the explosion was heard for fifty miles.

The first explosion, which occurred in the Tokio Warehouse company's storehouse, is believed to have been due to the spontaneous combustion of chemicals. The roar resembled the rumbling of a distant volcano.

The sky was darkened with clouds of smoke and flying debris. Pillars of flame shot up after the third explosion.

Fire Fighting Prevented. Firemen and fire engines rushed to the scene and tried to combat the fire, but the men and women dying from their wounds and countless people rushing in all directions, crying for help, prevented effective fire fighting.

The fire raged for nearly five hours unchecked, and it was nearly midnight before it was brought under control.

Not a person who happened to be passing in the neighborhood escaped some injury. Heavy pieces of burning concrete and red hot iron bars and other debris fell upon the heads of pedestrians. Some were killed outright, while many were terribly mutilated.

Crushed By Rocks.

Many houses were ruined, being crushed by falling rocks. In most of the houses within the radius of a mile, the window panes were broken and the doors unhung.

The Ashiwaki bridge, about a mile from the scene of the fire, was cut in two by the shock of the explosion and twenty persons who were crossing it were thrown into the river and drowned.

Missouri River Rises Nearly Five Feet in Last Four Days

The Missouri river at Omaha rose four-fifths of a foot in the twenty-four hours ending at 7 a. m. Monday. This made a total rise of 4.7 feet in the last four days, due to heavy rains.

The present stage of the river is 15.1 feet, which, says Colonel Welsh, is high enough to flood some of the bottom lands, which have been planted to corn.

"Flood stage" of the river here is nineteen feet. The weather bureau does not expect much more rise now unless there should be heavy rains to the north.

Portland Pays Final Respects to Senator

Portland, May 28.—The body of United States Senator Harry Lane of Oregon lay on the flower banked council chamber of the Portland city hall today. Oregon National Guardsmen stood guard at the casket, while hundreds filed past the open casket. The funeral will be tomorrow afternoon.

Captured Spanish Boat Is Now Training Ship

Chicago, May 28.—The Isle De Luzon, a gunboat captured in Manila bay during the Spanish-American war, arrived at Lake Bluff today for use in the Great Lakes naval training station. Lieutenant Albert C. Wilvers was placed in command of the vessel.

Jayhawkers Reported Objecting to Draft

Kansas City, Mo., May 28.—Fred Robertson, federal attorney for Kansas said today that he had begun an investigation of a draft objectors' meeting reported to have been held at Topeka yesterday. Reports were that speakers advocated that young men should go to jail rather than register.

TORNADOES KILL 245 AND INJURE MORE THAN 1,200

Series of Windstorms Wreck Cities and Towns in Six States; Damage Up in the Millions.

Revised figures on dead and injured in the storms of the last three days in Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri, Tennessee, Alabama and Arkansas show the following dead and injured:

Table showing death and injury statistics for various states: Illinois (92 dead, 650 injured), Indiana (12 dead, 220 injured), Kansas (26 dead, 60 injured), Kentucky (40 dead, 60 injured), Missouri (1 dead, 12 injured), Tennessee (20 dead, 53 injured), Alabama (31 dead, 100 injured), Arkansas (23 dead, 52 injured).

Tornadoes during the last three days in seven states of the middle west and the south have killed nearly 250 people, injured more than 1,200, wrecked thousands of houses and devastated many thousands of acres of growing crops, according to summaries today.

The latest in the series of tornadoes started late Sunday apparently in the vicinity of Willitsville, in southwestern Illinois, swept southward across the Ohio river into Kentucky, down the Mississippi into Arkansas and Tennessee and finally veered eastward toward Alabama, where the storm apparently spent itself.

The dead in the four southern states was roughly estimated at 100 and the injured at several hundred.

Begins Friday in Kansas. The destruction began last Friday in Andale, Kan., where twenty-six people were killed and sixty injured. Late Saturday another twister struck the rich corn belt of central Illinois, killing fifty-four persons and injuring perhaps 500 in Mattoon. At Charleston, ten miles east of Mattoon, thirty-seven were killed and more than 180 injured. The property damage in the two cities is estimated at \$3,000,000.

Another destructive storm late Saturday crossed a territory approximately 100 miles north of the center of Illinois, reached into northern Indiana, and caused the loss of a dozen lives, the injury of more than 200 and a heavy property damage.

Because of fallen wires, communication to the stricken districts has been difficult.

Ravages of Southern Storm. Memphis, Tenn., May 28.—Reports today from the devastated territory in the four southern states swept by tornadoes yesterday and last night placed the number of deaths at 103 and the injured at more than 300.

Around Hickman, Ky., forty persons were reported killed. Bardwell, Bondurant, Clinton and Ledford also reported losses. In Mississippi county, northeast Arkansas, ten dead and twenty-nine injured were reported.

Six were killed at Manila, while Burdette and Clear Lake reported two each.

Heavy losses also were suffered in Jefferson and Blount counties, Alabama, where thirty-one were killed. At Sayre eight were killed; Village Springs and Bradford, twenty miles north of Birmingham, reported seventeen dead; Carbon Hill had four dead, while Sylacauga and Bibbville each reported one dead.

In Tennessee the storms struck Tipton, Dyer and Carroll counties, taking more than a score of lives. At Dyersburg eight dead were reported; a Cales Lake, six dead; Trezevant, four dead; Antioch, two dead, and at Sharon, two dead.

Kentucky Town Wrecked. Within a radius of twelve miles of Hickman, where the storm apparently wrought its greatest havoc, more than two score of injured have been recovered from the wreckage in the towns of Bondurant, Bardwell, Clinton and Ledford. Near Cates Landing the number of injured was reported as between twenty-five and thirty. In the central part of Dyer county, near Dyerburg, about thirty were injured. Sharon reported thirty-two injured and Sayre, fifty or more.

Ninety-One Dead in Illinois. Mattoon, Ill., May 28.—With ninety-one known dead, 600 injured and a property loss estimated at \$3,000,000, Mattoon and Charleston, twin victims of the tornado which swept central Illinois Saturday, today began organizing relief measures for more than 50,000 homeless persons.

Under supervision of the Red Cross feed stations have been established and plans made for the burial of the storm's victims today. Appeals have been issued for money and clothing, particularly for women and children.

National guardsmen are patrolling both towns, while the state health authorities have taken every effort to guard against epidemics spread by polluted water.

CROSS TIMAVO RIVER; FORCES NEAR THE GULF

San Giovanni Captured in Constant Forward Push of Army Against Austrian Lines Near Trieste.

Rome, May 28.—(Via London.)—The Italians have crossed the Timavo river and occupied the village of San Giovanni, northwest of Duino, near the gulf of Trieste, the war office announces. They have captured nine six-inch guns.

(Associated Press War Summary.) The Italians have fought their way forward within two miles of Duino, the most formidable natural barrier between them and Trieste. The great battle now enters its eighteenth day without any sign of an abatement. Vienna refuses to concede the Italian victories, but the map tells the story of General Cadorna's steady advance.

Duino, at the gates of which the Italian guns are now hammering, marks a point at which the Carso plateau almost touches the sea. Protected by the ocean on the one side, it is powerfully defended to the north by Mount Querceto, a height of considerable magnitude, which dominates the country for many miles around.

At the foot of Mount Querceto, facing west, lies the little town of Medcazza, and the Italians have smashed their way to within a few hundred yards of this village.

It is possible that a lull will occur before they attempt the formidable task of storming Mount Querceto.

Persistent attempts are being continued by the Germans to regain control of the important observation points recently wrested from them by the French in the Champagne. Paris reports the repulse of all these attacks.

The German army headquarters' statement announces a German success in the capture of a line of trenches south of Moronvillers, in the Champagne. The French report on this operation, issued last night, declared all the ground taken by the Germans was recovered in a counter attack.

Austrians Deny Losses. London, May 28.—The complete repulse of all Italian attacks after most furious fighting is claimed in an official statement issued by the Austrian war office on Sunday.

The statement also asserts that more than 13,000 un wounded Italians have been captured in the sixteen days of the Italian offensive. The text of the announcement follows: "On the Carso plateau, the enemy yesterday again concentrated mighty masses for an assault. At Fajti and near Castagravizza the fight came to a standstill before our foremost trenches."

"Between Jamiant and the sea fighting was severe and several heights changed hands repeatedly during the day. Our defenses remained unbroken."

The Honved regiments repulsed seventeen attacks in forty-eight hours, besides thrice storming a height. Artillery Lieutenant Archduke Leopold, with a handful of gunners, joined an infantry regiment in a front line assault and brought back two machine guns.

"The prisoners brought in on the Carso plateau since May 23 now number 250 officers and more than 7,000 men. Altogether since the beginning of the battle more than 15,000 un wounded Italians have been captured."

Germans Repulsed in Champagne. Paris, May 28.—The Germans delivered three attacks last night and this morning in the Champagne in the regions of the Casque, the Teton and Mount Bkond. All were repulsed, the war office announces.

The Germans are bombarding heavily French positions in the region of Deadman Hill and Hill 304, on the Verdun front.

A French detachment penetrated to the second German line near Uffholtz, in Alsace, and found many dead in the trenches. Prisoners were brought back.

London, May 28.—"Hostile raiding parties were repulsed last night northwest of Cherisy and south of Lens."

Four Sundays in May

Advertising in The Bee (Warfield Agency Measurements) Good Gains for the Month

SUNDAYS IN 1917—IN INCHES First Sunday..... 3,021 Second Sunday..... 3,348 Third Sunday..... 3,381 Fourth Sunday..... 2,803 1/2

Total.....12,563 1/2

SUNDAYS IN 1916—IN INCHES

First Sunday..... 2,916 Second Sunday..... 2,748 Third Sunday..... 2,405 Fourth Sunday..... 3,044

Total.....11,113

GAINS—1,460 1/2 INCHES

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