

MRS. JOSLYN TELLS TAX BOOST UNFAIR

Omaha's Richest Woman Protests the County Assessor's Valuation Increase From \$562,715 to \$4,552,542.

Mrs. Sarah H. Joslyn, "Omaha's richest woman," through her attorney, Arthur Mullen, Monday night protested before the County Board of Equalization the "star" tax boost made by County Assessor Fitzgerald.

The valuation of property owned by the widow of the late George A. Joslyn, multimillionaire, whose estate, the largest ever probated in Nebraska, consisted mostly of corporation stock, was raised by the county assessor from \$562,715 to \$4,552,542.

The equalization board took the case under advisement after Mrs. Joslyn's attorney had made a lengthy protest. Attorney Mullen cited figures showing the total amount of corporation stock returned in Douglas county for the 1917 assessment was \$783,780, of which Mrs. Joslyn returned \$308,400.

He said it is a matter of common knowledge on the part of assessors and boards of equalization that owners of stock in foreign and domestic corporations have not been assessed and that it is the policy not to assess them.

Violation of Duty. "It would be a violation of the duty of the board of equalization to permit Mrs. Joslyn's increase to stand," he declared.

Figures were read before the board by Attorney Mullen showing the amount of corporation stock returned by individuals in other counties. Lancaster county, of which Lincoln is the chief city, shows only \$4,000 in corporation stock returned by individuals, according to Mrs. Joslyn's attorney.

No Return in Many Counties. Nineteen hundred dollars in corporation stock, Attorney Mullen pointed out, was returned in Dodge county and \$15 worth in Kearney county. He cited scores of counties where no corporation stock was returned.

The board was asked to accept Mrs. Joslyn's return and reject County Assessor Fitzgerald's raise because, Attorney Mullen said, the county assessor's boost "overvalues the personal property, was discrimination, was an arbitrary assessment and was in violation of the rule of equality and uniformity."

Mrs. Joslyn's attorney told the board she was not trying to shirk paying her just share of taxes, but that she felt she had made a fair and impartial return.

More Reductions Voted. Reductions totaling hundreds of thousands of dollars were voted by the board Tuesday morning over violent objections of County Assessor Fitzgerald.

Beebe & Runyan Furniture company, raised from \$150,000 to \$350,000, was reduced to the sum returned and complimented by members of the equalization board on the fairness of it.

The county assessor voted "no" on roll call to reduce the raise. The session was marked by frequent tilts between the county assessor and other members of the board, Fitzgerald's protestations were voted down in practically every instance.

"BILLY" SUNDAY ALMOST STAYS HERE FOR A DAY

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menced throwing the family baggage to the platform, his idea being that he would wait over in Omaha a day, see the boys and continue the journey to his Hood river ranch tomorrow.

The baggage having been deposited on the platform, "Billy" Sunday resumed his visit with the Omaha people who had gathered at the depot to welcome him and Ma Sunday. There to meet him were Rev. Titus Lowe, A. A. Lamareaux, James Allan, F. D. Wead, Dr. Callias, Elmer E. Thomas and scores of others who were closely associated with him in the conduct of the Sunday campaign in Omaha.

The greetings were not all for "Billy." Ma Sunday came in for her share and there were twenty or more of the Omaha women on hand. They and the men were glad that "Billy" and Ma had concluded to stay over a day and plans for their entertainment were immediately set on foot. The Sundays were to be the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Callias and at their home a reception was to be held this afternoon and tonight.

Plans Quickly Changed. These plans were suddenly disarranged when down the platform came Billy, Jr., and Paul, running. They were embraced and kissed by their father and mother and then came the order to get the baggage back into the car.

The baggage stowed away for the continuation of the trip, the Sundays resumed their visiting. They talked about the Omaha meeting and the work accomplished, "Billy" remarking:

"I don't want to take the credit, but do you know that I believe the Omaha meetings and the trip out into the state had a good deal to do with Nebraska going dry. And do you know, the saloon is a dead one and you will never see one of them in Omaha again."

May Go to Trenches. Sunday immediately jumped to the war with the remark: "Though I am a little old to stand the hard work I may go to the trenches. If the time comes when they need men of my age, I'll be there. They wanted me to go to the trenches and talk to the boys, but talk is not what the boys need most. They want munitions, plenty of good food and they are going to get them all now that the United States has taken a hand in the game."

"There is no question about the outcome. The Lord is on the side of the allies. They are fighting for the right, for humanity, liberty for the world and the end of monarchical forms of government."

"Billy" Sunday is in the pink of condition. On his western trip he wears the familiar little gray cap and the gray suit, a silk shirt and vestless. He says the New York meeting was the greatest success of his life. This summer he will remain on his ranch and will dig in the ground, raising vegetables and some grain. In the fall he will open a campaign and upon its conclusion go to Atlanta for six weeks, storming the citadels of sin in Chicago next May.

Mrs. Sunday Looks Well. Mrs. Sunday has entirely recovered from the effects of the operation recently performed and she says, "I'm ready for a hard summer's work on the farm." Out there she says she is going to look after the canning and drying of the fruit, the making of the butter and the thousand and one other things that go along with farm work.

The Sundays left New York a week ago last Tuesday and went to their home in Winona Lake, where they remained until yesterday. The two boys left home Thursday and came through by automobile. Here Paul concluded that he had had enough overland traveling and joining his parents, continued the trip by rail. "Billy," Jr., will drive the automobile through to the Hood River ranch, expecting to make an average of 150 miles a day.

City to Protect Jobs Of Those Going to War. The city council adopted a resolution, agreeing to hold positions for all city employes who enter military service.

Shriners Dispense With Pomp Because of War. Minneapolis, Minn., June 26.—With the usual pomp and ceremony absent because of the war, the annual meeting of the Imperial council, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, opened today with nearly 1,000 delegates from all sections of the country present. The council will elect Charles E. Oven-shire of Minneapolis imperial potentate to succeed Mr. Niedringhaus and will adjourn Wednesday night.

To Make Hair Wavy and Curly in One Night. Someone has made the discovery that simply applying liquid silmerine with a clean tooth brush will actually make straight hair beautifully curly over night. The liquid, which is, of course, perfectly harmless, has the peculiar property of drying in pretty waves, crasses and ringlets. It also serves as a splendid dressing, keeping the hair delightfully soft and glossy.

A few ounces of liquid silmerine, obtainable at any drug store, will keep the hair curly for weeks. It is neither sticky nor greasy, but quite pleasant to use. It produces a curliness which is the nearest thing to "Nature's Own."—Advertisement.

AUSTRIANS POUND AT ITALIAN LINES

Central Troops Making Desperate Efforts to Recapture the Trenches Taken by Victor Emanuel's Men.

Rome, June 26.—Austrian troops are making desperate efforts to recapture the positions recently taken by the Italians in the sector of Monte Ortigara, in the Trentino. The war office announced today that the Austrians, notwithstanding heavy losses, have continued since last night their violent attacks, which were being met by Italian counter attacks.

First Line Trenches Taken. Paris, June 26.—The French made a surprise attack north of Hurbise last night, after brief artillery preparation. The war office announces the capture of the entire first line German trenches, which were held against desperate counter attacks. More than 300 prisoners were taken.

Canadians Occupy La Coulotte. Canadian Army Headquarters in France, June 26.—Canadian troops entered the village of La Coulotte this morning. The Germans have withdrawn in this neighborhood from a line about one and three-quarters miles long.

The German retirement ceased during the night. Patrols sent out opposite Mericourt and to the south found the enemy's front line strongly held. The Germans have made huge craters in all crossroads in Avion and leading toward Lens. These craters did not exist forty-eight hours ago.

French Troops Repulsed. Berlin, June 26.—(Via London.)—The French troops which penetrated the German lines northwest of Hurbise, on the Aisne front, were subjected to a counter attack and ejected from the greater part of the positions they had occupied, army headquarters announced today.

Britons Closing on Lens. British Headquarters in France, June 26.—The British are closing in about Lens. After the capture on Sunday of Fosse J and enemy trenches west from the hill and from the lines immediately south of the Souchez river several new positions have been occupied in this region nearer Lens. Patrols are advancing across the plains in an easterly direction. Thus the great mining center is being slowly encircled.

Arthur Brisbane Buys The Washington Times. Washington, June 26.—Arthur Brisbane, the New York editor, has bought Frank A. Munsey's Washington Times. Wilton J. Lambert, attorney for the Times, said today that Mr. Brisbane had bought the paper, individually; that the price would not be divulged, and that the purchase did not include the Munsey Trust company or the Washington Times building. The Times is an evening paper.

Slayer of Balcombe Is Placed on Trial At Liberty, Mo. Liberty, Mo., June 26.—(Special Telegram.)—Bee B. Smith, 25 years of age, of Excelsior Springs, was placed on trial here this morning for the alleged murder of Urban B. Balcombe of Omaha, who was shot to death in the lobby of the Auditorium Amusement building in Excelsior Springs on the afternoon of March 7, when throngs of people were going in and out of the building.

Prosecuting Attorney E. G. Simrall will attempt to show that Balcombe walked into the building, that Smith, who is the owner of a popcorn stand there, yelled, "Get out of here," and then shot twice and that there had not been previous trouble of a serious enough nature to have caused the shooting.

The defense will probably try to establish the fact that the two men had serious trouble before and that Balcombe made a move as if to draw a gun when he walked into the building.

Dr. Burt Maltby, county coroner; Herbert Hope, undertaker, and Dolon Leabo, who saw the shooting, testified this morning for the state. Leabo said he heard Smith yell, "Get out of here." Smith shot twice and Balcombe fell. When Leabo looked at the man lying on the floor he noticed he held a cigar in his right hand. Herbert Hope, the undertaker, also stated he saw the cigar in his right hand. Charles Battell, an attorney of Omaha, is assisting the state.

Mine-Sweeping Devices Are Attached to Ships. An Atlantic Port, June 26.—A mine-sweeping device, calculated to pick up and safely bring to the surface any mines that may be in the path of vessels, is now being attached to a number of ships proceeding through the waters of the war zone.

One of these devices was observed on a passenger liner which arrived here today. It is attached to the bows and when let down a netted projection extends a dozen or more feet on either side of the ship. If a mine is encountered it is picked up and brought to the surface at a safe distance from the vessel.

The ship to which the device was attached is on its first trip here since April, when it was compelled to seek a dry dock in a British port on account of damage from a mine. The explosion, officer said, tore a big hole in its bottom and killed one member of the crew. Water tight compartments held and the ship was able to make port without assistance.

Leaves Beer and Wine Issue To Judgment of the President. Washington, June 26.—Absolute prohibition of the manufacture of distilled spirits during the war and placing in the president's hand the question of permitting the making of beer and wine was agreed upon by a senate agriculture subcommittee late today in framing a substitute for the prohibition feature of the house food control bill.

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Pay of Soldiers Six Times That of Men of Revolution. Chicago, June 26.—An interesting comparison between the pay received by men who served under George Washington and that which will be paid American soldiers who go to France in Pershing's war army was seen today in a recruiting argument which placed a poster of revolutionary days side by side with one appealing for men now.

The men who won freedom for the United States received \$50 a year, "the whole of which the soldier may lay up for himself and friends" according to the poster, which points out that ample rations were allowed the army and "an annual and fully sufficient supply of good and handsome clothing."

The man who enlists during recruiting week will receive not merely food and clothing, but at least \$30 a month, with an automatic increase of 20 per cent when ordered to foreign service. If he qualifies as first class private he will receive \$33 a month and men with trades do even better. Cooks especially are wanted at \$38 a month. It is estimated that one dollar in the army is equal to three in civil life, because the soldier's housing, food, clothing, transportation and medical attention are furnished by the government.

Army recruiting officers are pointing out that chances of promotion now are better than every before.

Seeks Divorce from Wife Who Still Lives in Italy. Tony Piccolo, suing Lucia G. Piccolo for divorce in district court, says his wife is in Italy with their six children and refuses to come to this country and live with him. They were married at Saragosa, Italy, February 24, 1907.

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