

OMAHA GREETED NOTED FRENCHMEN; SENSATION AT NETHAWAY INQUEST

HUSBAND OF SLAIN WOMAN CREATES SCENE WHEN GOING OVER GROUND OF MURDER

Sensational Developments Are Expected Shortly in the Probe Now Being Carried on to Determine Who Killed Florence Woman Sunday on Railroad Tracks Near Coffman Station.

Sensational developments are expected in the Nethaway murder mystery in the next twenty-four hours.

Sheriff Clark, Deputy Sheriff Lindsay and other deputies and police detectives are working along new lines in an effort to solve one of the blackest crimes in the history of Nebraska.

While police persist in their claims they are "adding links" to the "chain of circumstantial evidence" against Charles Smith, negro suspect, the coroner's inquest and investigation are unearthing new clues that materially weaken the "chain" "surrounding" the black man.

WOMAN NOT DRAGGED.

One of the most startling of the exploded police clues was the evidence establishing the fact Mrs. C. L. Nethaway, wife of a Florence real estate man, was not dragged from the railroad track to the murder spot in South Cut on the Northwestern.

The sheriff's forces are gradually putting together evidence, piece by piece, which tends to show the murdered woman, whose hacked body was found by her husband Sunday afternoon, was not dragged to the spot, but walked there by another route other than from the railroad track.

Nethaway Rends the Air.

Claude Nethaway, husband of the slain woman, who yesterday led the coroner's jury, Deputy County Attorney Piatti, Paul Steinwender, Sheriff Clark, Deputy Sheriff Lindsay, police detectives and newspaper men over the route of his movements Sunday and showed them how he subsequently found her mutilated body, threw himself on the ground when he reached the spot, still blood-soaked, and rent the air with his screams and moans.

He lay on the ground for fifteen minutes, face downward, praying, cursing the murderer and babbling incoherently. Nethaway gripped the grass with his hands, ground his teeth and called upon "God to punish the fiend, strike down the murderer and bless his wife's soul."

"Oh, my poor wife," he moaned, clawing at the weeds and pulling himself on his stomach along the ground. "God bless her dear soul. God have mercy on his soul (meaning the murderer). God have mercy on my soul.

"Oh, God, he must have tormented my poor wife all afternoon. I'll meet her in heaven. I would be happier in my grave.

"Curse the negro race; curse the man who murdered my poor wife; curse him and strike him dead."

His ravings became so violent that members of the coroner's jury finally told him to get to his feet or they would be compelled to take him away.

Reacts His Movements.

Nethaway took the investigating party over the route he traveled before he found his wife's body. At the request of the sheriff he acted in pantomime his exact movements, as near as he could remember them, on the afternoon of the murder.

He crawled up steep grades, darted through deep underbrush and leaped culverts. The sheriff's party walked along the track.

Nethaway finally got to the spot where the body was found Sunday. He let out a shriek and after pointing at the soggy piece of ground over which the grass is still matted and soaked with the blood from the murdered woman's wounds, the chief one.

Protestors Against H. C. of L. Arrested in Switzerland

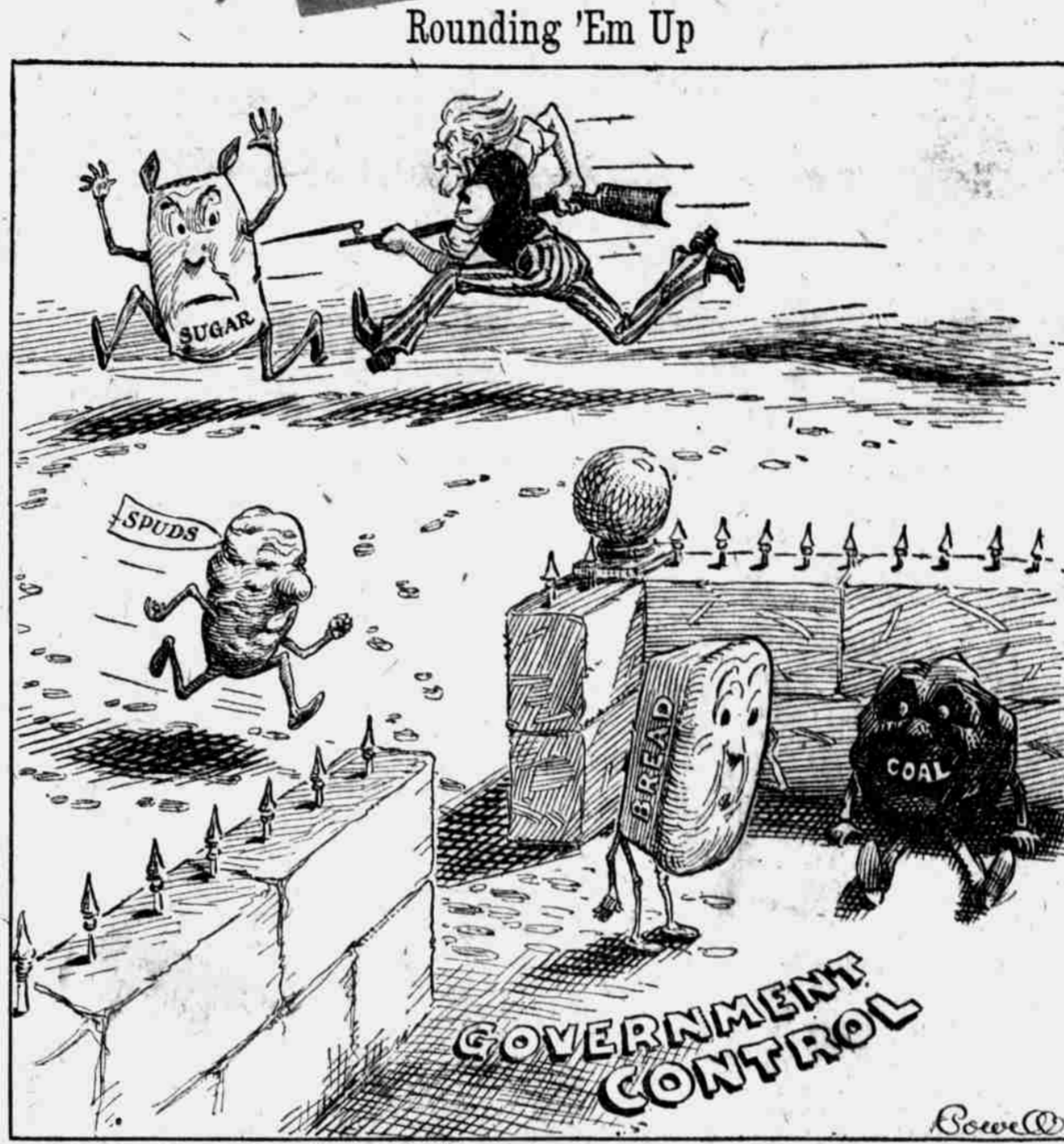
Berne, Switzerland, Friday, Aug. 31.—Seventy persons, including ten foreigners, were arrested during a demonstration here yesterday in protest against the high cost of living. There were several collisions between the manifestants and the police.

The Weather

For Nebraska—Partly cloudy. Temperatures at Omaha yesterday.

Hour	Temp.	Wind	Dir.
5 a. m.	60	10	W
6 a. m.	60	10	W
7 a. m.	60	10	W
8 a. m.	60	10	W
9 a. m.	60	10	W
10 a. m.	60	10	W
11 a. m.	60	10	W
12 m.	60	10	W
1 p. m.	60	10	W
2 p. m.	60	10	W
3 p. m.	60	10	W
4 p. m.	60	10	W
5 p. m.	60	10	W
6 p. m.	60	10	W
7 p. m.	60	10	W
8 p. m.	60	10	W
9 p. m.	60	10	W
10 p. m.	60	10	W
11 p. m.	60	10	W
12 m.	60	10	W

Comparative Local Record.
1917. 1916. 1915. 1914.
Highest yesterday .. 74 79 81 76
Lowest yesterday .. 59 64 55 57
Mean temperature .. 66 72 68 66
Precipitation .. .00 .00 .00 .00
Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal.
Normal temperature .. .70
Deficiency for the day .. .4
Total deficiency since March 1 .. 215
Normal precipitation .. .05 inch
Deficiency for the day .. .08 inch
Total rainfall since March 1 .. 1.20 inches
Deficiency since March 1 .. 1.20 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1916 .. .97 inches
Excess for cor. period, 1915 .. .19 inch.
L. A. WELSH, Meteorologist.



KELLY NOW REPUDIATES HIS CONFESSION THAT HE KILLED MOORE FAMILY AT VILLISCA

Minister in Jail at Logan, Ia., Denies He Committed Ax Murders and Attorneys Claim Statement Obtained by "Third Degree;" Havner Insists That It Was Made Voluntarily.

After a confession that he committed the Villisca ax murders June 9, 1912, in which eight persons were killed, following a divine command to "slay utterly," Rev. Lyn George J. Kelly, held in jail at Logan, Ia., yesterday repudiated it. His attorney, A. L. Sutton, claims that the statement was obtained from him by duress and third degree methods.

RED CROSS WOMEN TAKE ARMY OATH OF FEALTY TO U. S.

Hospital Supply Workers Will Wear Uniforms While Engaged in Important Duty of Providing the Necessities.

The oath of allegiance to the United States, the same as is administered to officers of the United States army, was taken by a number of Omaha women, the chairmen of the different circles and auxiliaries of hospital supplies, at the Red Cross supply office in the Baird building.

Major John G. Maher, assistant quartermaster of the Omaha supply depot, administered the oath. This oath is being taken by women in the hospital supply service all over the country as a means of giving added dignity and uniformity to their work.

These chairmen will, while on duty, wear a uniform consisting of a square blue cap with a red cross on it and an arm band with an insignia of plenty on it.

Importance of Work.
Major Maher made an address at the ceremony, telling the women of the importance of their work.

Omaha People Married and Leave for Lincoln Home
Miss Sadie Christensen and Robert Walstrom were married Saturday morning at the parsonage home of Rev. Mr. Halberson, who performed the ceremony. The couple left immediately afterward for Lincoln, where they will be at home after September 4, at the Cleopatra apartments.

HIGH COMMISSION OF FRANCE GUESTS OF THE GATE CITY

War Heroes Come West to Find What the People of the United States Are Doing to Assist in the Great Conflict Being Waged on European Fields Against Central Powers.

Omaha, great big, unofficial, whole-hearted Omaha, gave its welcome last night to the French High commission in a big public reception at the Hotel Fontenelle in the convention hall. Mayor James C. Dahlman presided.

NEBRASKA CORN YIELD TO BREAK CROP RECORDS

If Frost Holds Off Till September 25 Increased Acreage and Bumper Production Will Set New High Mark.

According to the Northwestern railroad's crop report, in the event the frost holds off until September 25, the Nebraska corn crop will be of the bumper variety and, owing to the increased acreage, the yield will be the greatest in the history of the state.

Corn is going to continue to be the king of Nebraska crops, and with the yield that is almost in sight and the high prices certain to maintain, the farmers of the state are preparing to enjoy another year of prosperity, say the crop reporters of all the railroads.

In gathering the facts relative to the Nebraska crops railroad officials and employees co-operating with farmers have endeavored to ascertain conditions as they actually exist, with the result that a careful compilation of facts and figures indicate that this year is going to lead with bumper yields.

Corn Maturing Rapidly.
The Northwestern report for the week ending Friday night indicates that the corn throughout Nebraska is maturing rapidly and that with an other week or ten days of dry and warm weather it will have reached a stage where it would be damaged but little by a heavy frost.

During the last week there were several days when the temperatures were so low that corn did not ripen, but it is the opinion of the railroad crop experts that this was in no wise detrimental. With the cool weather the corn made a good growth, and with the return of warmer weather the ripening process will be resumed.

There are but few places in the state traversed by the Northwestern lines where rain is needed. As a result plowing for the winter wheat will soon be put into the ground is going rapidly along, with every indication that the acreage will be the largest in years.

Threshing Well Along.
The threshing of small grain is well along, and in localities where the wheat was not damaged by the cold of last winter the yield has been enormous. Some of the fields averaged as high as forty bushels to the acre.

Oats are turning out well and numerous instances are reported where they have run as high as eighty bushels to the acre, though the average has been considerably lower.

The potato crop, reports say, suffered but little by the dry weather of a month ago. All along the lines of the system the acreage is large and the yield is said to be up to, if not better than, the average of former years.

Russian Consul Sues For Children in Russia
Antoine Volkoff, Russian consul general, has filed suit for \$2,100 in district court against L. G. Doup company on behalf of Poligra Karolchuk, widow of the late Fady Karolchuk, Russian subject, and their children.

Scheer Says U-Boat Will Win War Before U. S. Can Assist
Amsterdam, Sept. 1.—Confidence in the effect of unrestricted submarine warfare is expressed by Admiral Reinhardt Scheer, commander of the German battle fleet, in an interview in the Leipzig Tageblatt, the admiral declaring that he expected "everything" from it.

"Go on Kaisering and We Will Smash You." Meaning of Note
London, Sept. 1.—"President Wilson's reply to the pope is really a message to Germany," said George Bernard Shaw today in an interview with The Associated Press. "Reduced to the vernacular, it means: 'Become a republic and we will let up on you; go on kaisering and we will smash you.'"

Illinois Governor Orders Peace Meeting Dispersed
Chicago, Sept. 1.—The meeting of the organization committee of the People's Council of America for Democracy and Peace was dispersed by the police today on instructions from Governor Frank O. Lowden after it had been in session about three hours.

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