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OMAHA GREETS 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.

murder mystery in the next twenty-four hours.

and police detectives are working along new lines in an effortto solve one of the blackest crimes in the history of Nebraska.

are unearthing new clues that materially weaken the "chain" "sur-rounding" 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 roas 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

Nethaway Rends the Air. Claude Nethaway, husband of the

the coroner's jury, Deputy County sharp and heavy blow at the crown Attorney Piatti, Paul Steinwender, Sheriff Clark, Deputy Sheriff Lindsay, police detectives and news-paper 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 bloodsoaked, 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. the murderer). God have mercy on

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

Reacts His Movements.

Nethaway took the investigating fore 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. rived, and steps have been taken to of Red Oak, Ia., who were visiting 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 (Continued on Page Two, Column One.)

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

Berne, Switzerland, Friday, Aug. 31.-Seventy persons, including ten foreigners, were arrested during a lemonstration here yesterday in proest 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.

Comparative Local Record. 1917, 1916, 1915, 1914

Excess for cor. period, 1915 ...

L. A. WELSH, Meteorologist.

Sensational developments are expected in the Nethaway Sheriff Clark, Deputy Sheriff Lindsay and other deputies

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 FRENCH BRINGS

mar, was not dragged from the rail- Petain's Men Smash Line of German Crown Prince: Advance 300 Yards on Three-Quarter Mile Front.

MORE BIG GAINS

(By Associated Press.)

Turning to the aggressive on the persistent German attacks for weeks slain woman, who yesterday led past, the French yesterday struck a

In a swift thrust General Petain's more than 300 yards on a front of more than three-quarters of a mile in the Hurtebise regin, on the Chemin-Des-Dames between Craonne and

to be merely a local affair or the beginning of a more extensive movement in this arena, seems to have given General Petain a firm hold on the ground gained, for the repulse of three counter attacks is reported. The French took 150 prisoners.

The attack followed a week of almost total inactivity on the French front, except for small operations, such as trench raids and minor surprise thrusts. The British have like-God have mercy on his soul (meaning wise been abstaining from the initiation of any major movements, but there are signs in the increase of the my soul.

"Oh, God, he must have tormented artillery fire on the Flanders front my poor wife all afternoon. I'll meet that a renewal of more active opera-her in heaven. I would be happier in distant.

Latest advices from the Italian front show General Cadorna again hammering at the Austrian lines at selected points and gradually improving his position. This improvement was affected both to the south in the confession was obtained. direction of Triest and on the northern front of the attack in the region east of Gorizia,

party over the route he traveled be- One-Third of Ammunition for

Pershing's Men Defective Washington, Sept. 1.—Practically also confessed that he caused the one-third of the small arms ammunifires that destroyed a number of buildtion supplied to General Pershing's ings in Sutton, Neb., in 1915. troops in France has been found defective from chemical reaction set up the night of June 9, 1912, in the home in the powder after manufacture at of J. B. Moore at Villisca were Moore, have been sent over, in fact have ar- the two daughters of Joe Stillinger correct the defect in manufacture.

Victor Rosewater to Leave Monday for the West

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Washington, Sept. 1 .- (Special Telegram.)-Victor Rosewater of The Bee, who was called to Washington on matters connected with the newspaper publishers' committee, which has been in session in Washington during the consideration of the war revenue bill now pending in the senate, left this morning for Baltimore, where he will spend Sunday with Rosewater's relatives. Mr.

Rosewater plans to leave for the west Senator Hitchcock left for New England today to spend the week-end with Mrs. Hitchcock and daughter.

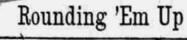
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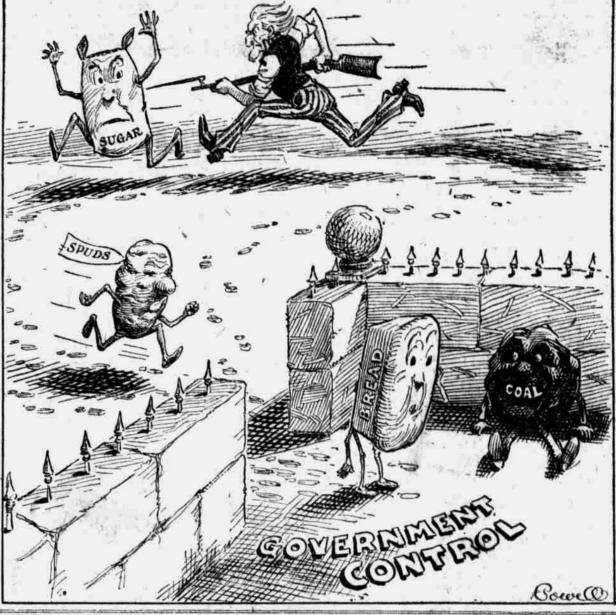
Robbers Is Arrested

Chicago, Sept. 1.-The ringleader of the five bandits, who with sawedoff shotguns, shot two payroll messengers of the Winslow Iron works to death last Tuesday, escaping with \$8,776, is under arrest, it was announced-today by State's Attorney Hoyne, who called the prisoner the master criminal of Chicago. His name was given as Charles Benton.

Ford Motor Helps Out Red Cross With Cars and Parts

Washington, Sept 1.—A gift of \$500,000 from the Ford Motor company to the Red Cross was announced today by the war council in the form of a credit on the Ford factories for \$500,000 worth of automobiles, ambulances, parts, etc., as the Red Cross may designate.





Aisne front in northern France, where they have been withstanding KELLY NOW REPUDIATES HIS CONFESSION THAT HE KILLED MOORE FAMILY AT VILL-ISCA Seventh Telegraph Battalion Seventh Telegraph Battalion

This strong attack, which may prove 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 all. His attorney, A.-L. Sutton, claims that the statement was obtained from him by duress and third degree methods.

> > Hospital Supply Workers Will

Wear Uniforms While En-

gaged 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

plies, at the Red Cross supply office

These chairmen will, while on duty,

wear a uniform consisting of a square

Importance of Work.

Major Waher made an address at

the ceremony, telling the women of

"Your work is as important as that

ships better if they know the patriotic

women of the state are back of them.

brunt of war and so they will in this

greatest war for liberty of the world.

We enter this conflict without desire

all nations, large or small, be allowed

to work out their own salvation.

Women will play a large part in bringing this freedom to all the

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 im-

mediately afterward for Lincoln,

where they will be at home after Sep-

Omaha People Married and

"Women have always borne the

the importance of their work.

plenty on it.

Attorney Sutton says that the trialO will be held September 4 as planned.
Attorney General H. A. Havner of Iowa denies that he took part in the cross-examination of Kelly and says he was not in Logan at the time the he was not in Logan at the time the TAKE ARMY CATH

DENIES "THIRD DEGREE." The attorney general denies that OF FEALTY TO U. S. insists that the prisoner's statement was entirely voluntary.

At the same time Attorney General Havner announced that Kelly had

Victims of the ax murderer slain the Frankfort arsenal. New supplies his wife and their four children and the family. The six children were all under 12 years of age.

Confession Made.

According to Attorney General Havner, Kelly's first confession was made late Thursday night in the county jail at Logan. The attorney general declares it was voluntary and followtd his tarnest request "to tell the whole story."

The request came after notice had been served on Kelly of the names of about eighty witnesses that would be called by the state to testify against him. Attorney General Havner was blue cap with a red cross on it and in Logan and Kelly is alleged to have an arm band with an insignia of expressed a desire to see him. Hayner refused to go to the jail, but said he would be glad to hear anything Kelly had to say.

"I did it and I want to see the attorney general," Kelly told Sheriff Meyers, according to that officer, of the boys at the front," he said. Kelly was then brought over from "The boys will be able to endure hardthe county jail and in the office of Sheriff Meyers told his story. Before hearing the confession Attorney General Havner telephoned to J. J Hess, Council Bluffs attorney, retained by Montgomery county to assist in prosecuting the case and who for money or territory. We have was in Logan to serve notices on the malice for none. We desire only that witnesses to be used.

Havner on Hand.

Two official court stenographers were called, who made verbatim reports. The story was told in the presence of Attorney Hess, Attorney General Havner, Assistant Astorney General J. E. Risden, Sheriff Mex ers and his deputy.

All declare that nothing had been said to Kelly except in connection with the names of witnesses and Sheriff Meyers said the preacher had repeatedly said he wanted to "get it off his soul." All say he was cau-(Continued on Page Fifteen, Column Three.) tember 4, at the Cleopatra apartments.

TELEPHONE MEN START FOR THE

Mobilizes at Noon and Starts Soon After-

A detachment of the Seventh Telegraph battalion, under Lieutenant P. M. McCullough, left last night for

These men were recruited from the ranks of employes of the Nebraska little by a light frost.
Telephone company, Iowa Telephone During the last week there were Telephone company, Iowa Telephone company and the Northwestern Tele-

fund, which will amount to \$2,000. A maximum of 25 cents per employe the ripening process will be resumed. has been fixed. There are more than 10,000 employes in the three com-

The Seventh Telegraph battalion comprises 218 men and officers and is in charge of Major F. W. McDougal, who has been in the service of the Nebraska Telephone company many

Threshins years. The major mobilized his battalion at noon in the old Independent Telephone building at Twenty-fifth and M streets.

Twenty-five telephone company employes have left to join the Twelfth Telephone battalion at Cin-

The work of the telephone men in the signal corps will be to maintain telephone communication between the various sections of the army when in women, the chairmen of the different camp or in the field.

Other officers of the battalion are: A. A. Gaeritte, Medelia, Minn., and circles and auxiliaries of hospital supin 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 Bell Telephone system will mobilize hospital supply service all over the at Des Moines, Minneapolis and

country as a means of giving added Chicago.

The Omaha telephone men who left last night are: Thompson D. Berry,

Harry J. Mooney, Elbert R. O'Keeffe, Henry L. Peterson, Joseph L. Woodward Robert L. Wood, Edwin J. Wehver, Lesile A. Williams, Ray M. Wilson, Pay A. Young Warren Fitch. Glen W. Gameri, Glen A. Gambie, Marshall B. Henson, M. J. Hegarty.

Starve Germany and Then Hit Her Hard," Say English

An Atlantic Port, Sept. 1 .- A party of prominent Britishers arrived here today on a passenger steamship to join Lord Northcliffe, British commission in the United States, and assist him in purchasing war supplies. They will go to Washington also for a conference with government officials.

In discussing the war a member of the party, who asked that the identity of its members be withheld, said he does not believe the conflict will end until about this time next year. "The Germans will never be overcome by hunger alone," he declared. "Neither will they be overcome by assaults on their fronts while they are convinced of the weakness of their opponents. It must be a combination of hunger and continual assaults

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 high prices certain to maintain, the farmers of the state are preparing to enjoy another year of prosperity, say the crop reports of all the railroads.

In gathering the facts relative to meeting at the hotel, however, was a thoroughly democratic and informal affair and the great public came, all at liberty to rush up and shake hands and chat with the amiable Frenchmen, all of whom speak English very well.

Prior to this public meeting, the Alliance Française, the Omaha organization of French and French atudents, entertained the commissioners at the hotel at a dinner and reception. Dr. Felix Despecher presided

and employes co-operating with farm-

Corn Maturing Rapidly.

The Northwestern report for the week ending Friday night indicates an eastern destination and will be de- that the corn throughout Nebraska is tailed for service on the western maturing rapidly and that with an other week or ten days of dry and warm weather will have reached a stage where it would be damaged but

several days when the temperatures phone Exchange company, operating were so low that corn did not ripen, Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota and the but it is the opinion of the railroad crop experts that this was in no wise Employes of these associated tele- detrimental. With the cool weather hone companies have started a mess the corn made a good growth, and with the return of warmer weather

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 that will soon be put into the ground is going rapidly along, with every indication that the acreage will be the

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 bush-

The potato crop, reports say, suf; fered 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

els to the acre, though the average

has been considerably lower.

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 Poligia Karolchuk, widow of the late Faday Karolchuk, Russian subject, and their children. The Russian was injured in an accident June 7 and died June 28. The widow and children are in Russia. The suit is brought under the workmen's compensation act.

Go on Kaisering and We Will Smash You," Meaning of Note America is ready to send a large London, Sept. 1.—"President Wil- army to Europe. son'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. "The president knows what he is fighting for."

Illinois Governor Orders Peace Meeting Dispersed

Chicago, Sept. 1.-The meeting of he 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 Keep after it had been in session about

People from all corners of the city

People from all corners of the city, from all occupations and professions, laborers, clerks, professional men and business men, flocked to the room for this public reception, for this was the one opportunity of the day for the people generally to see the distinguished Frenchmen, shake their hands and tell them how warmly they appreciate the way valiant, heroic France has held the mad bull of Prussian autocracy by the nose, when not only France, but all the rest of the world was in danger.

GUESTS ARE LIONIZED.

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All day the French commission, headed by Deputy High Commission, headed by Deputy High Commissioner Debilly, visited in Omaha as the guests of the Nebraska metropolis. But all day the members were being lonized by the Commercial club, by the Alliance Francaise and other organizations. The 8 o'clock meeting at the hotel, however, was a

Mayor Dahlman and party met the and employes co-operating with fariners 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.

Take the train at 7:30.

A commissioners at the train at 7:30.

A remaintee of Commercial club men
and representatives of the Alliance
Francaise met the commissioners at
the hotel, and in three big automobiles took them for a tour of the city.

Inspect Dandy Sixth. At the Auditorium the French officers visited a moment with Major Harries and other officers of the Sixth Nebraska, and then drove on for a tour of the stock yards and packing plants of oSuth Omaha; and a visit to the army balloon school at Fort

Want to See Pigs Killed. At the South Omaha Stock exhange a royal welcome awaited the French high commission, who were desirous of seeing one of the largest

on reaching the exchange they were introduced to a large gathering of commission men and stockmen by Judge W. D. McHugh. After the introduction they expressed a desire to see the hogs killed.

The reception committee then es-Packing company plant. They fol-lowed with interest the movement of the animals from the time they were received in the yard until they had been killed and prepared for ship-

Under the leadership of Colonel Gallup, they visited the horse barns to see the type of horses and mules being purchased by the French and English for war purposes. In the party were some expert horsemen and they expressed themselves as highly pleased with the high grade stock being offered for sale. Guests at Commercial Club.

At noon they were the guests of the Commercial club for luncheon. Deputy High Commissioner Debilly Those able to read the chevrons on

the arms, the badges of honor on the soldierly chests, and other marks (Continued on Page Two, Column Two.)

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 Leipsiz Tageblatt, the admiral declaring that he expected "every-

thing" from it.
Admiral Scheer expressed his conviction that the submarines will have decided the issue of the war before

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