

GIGANTIC FRAUD IS DISCOVERED BY POSTOFFICE

Swindlers in Havana Prevented From Securing Money From Local Manufacturing Firm By Luck.

Twenty-five hundred dollars worth of forged money orders were received at the Omaha postoffice Thursday, payable to a large Omaha manufacturing concern, the name of which is withheld. Only by a piece of genuine luck was this firm saved the loss of \$2,400 in one of the most novel fraud schemes that has been attempted through the postoffice.

The piece of luck was the fact that the Daily Bulletin received by the postoffices from Washington states in the issue received today that three of the largest cities in the country have received forged money orders from Havana, Cuba, under date of October 9, 1917. It asks all postmasters to be on the lookout for them.

Forgeries Are Good.

The 25 \$100 money orders received at the local office correspond exactly to this description and, of course, they were not paid to the concern to which they are made out.

"The swindlers have a neat scheme," said Postmaster Fanning. "They either stole the money order blanks in Havana or printed them. They have the rubber stamps to correspond to those used at the Havana postoffice and the signatures are good imitations of the genuine."

"The forgeries were detected by the Postoffice department for two reasons. First, the swindlers used serial numbers several thousand higher than those used in the Havana postoffice on the date which these fraudulent orders bear. In the second place, the swindlers forwarded their advices of the issuance of the money orders by ordinary mail, whereas it is the practice of the Havana office to forward three advices by registered mail.

System of Swindlers.

"The scheme takes the intended victims unaware. In the present case, the Omaha manufacturer, if the scheme had been successful, would have had \$2,500 in cash, received from the money orders. He receives from the swindler a letter, saying that he is going to buy a large order of goods and asking that a catalogue be sent him. The next day comes a letter with a sight draft on the intended victim for \$2,400. The letter states that for business reasons the sender of the money orders finds himself in immediate need of this sum. And, of course, the recipient honors the draft because he is still \$100 ahead.

Physical Education Section Elects Officers

The physical section of the Nebraska State Teachers' association held its session Thursday morning at the Central High school. After a short talk by Dr. E. T. Manning, su-

Prof. Warner Shows Teachers The Proper Way to Dress Hogs

Half of the carcass of a hog reposed on a table on the platform of the ball room of the Hotel Rome when 100 or so of the Nebraska teachers gathered there for the agricultural program yesterday. Shortly afterward, clothed in a white jacket and wearing a white apron, carrying an armload of knives, saws, a cleaver and a steel, K. F. Warner of the Nebraska college of agriculture entered the room and proceeded to give a demonstration in pork cutting, explaining the correct methods of killing hogs, cutting and curing the meat at home and on the farm.

The portion of the carcass used for the demonstration was cut into parts, Mr. Warner explaining the method of getting out the lard, the bacon, trimming the hams and the shoulders and preparing the parts for curing.

During the course of the meeting, E. L. Taylor, principal of the Bratton Union school, discussed the "Agricuture in the Rural School," urging the teachers to instruct their pupils in the matter of buying and selling prices of grains and farm products, as well as in the subjects laid down in the text books. He asserted that books are good things in the school room, but that agriculture is a subject that is greater and more far reaching than that of any book.

Discussing "Agriculture in the High School," R. A. Stewart of the Holdrege high school contended that high school agricultural training is of inestimable value to the boys and girls of the towns and cities, not only broadening their ideas, but helping them in the matter of growing home gardens, truck gardening, poultry raising and in many other ways.

perintendent of health, a business meeting was held under the chairmanship of R. L. Carns, at which Miss Susan Myrick of Hastings, the present secretary, was chosen president; Miss Marie Richards, vice president; and Miss Vlasta Serba of Omaha secretary.

Dr. Manning emphasized the need of careful protection of the children's health. "Exclude the first child from the class and you will not have to exclude others," said Manning. "The aim of health supervision is to help education."

Burgess-Nash Welfarers Give Dance for Employes

Joy reigned supreme at Metropolitan hall Wednesday night when over 200 members of the Welfare association of the Burgess-Nash company held one of their numerous dances. The Blackstone jazz band furnished the music and everyone from the smallest cash girl to the highest official of the company, just couldn't make their feet behave.

To illustrate, Mr. Stewart pointed to the fact that of the boys and girls of the Holdrege high school who studied agriculture last year a number of them took first prizes at state and county fairs on the exhibits raised in the gardens that they planted and cultivated. In addition, many of them sold products out of their gardens, realizing considerable revenue.

C. W. Watson of the state extension service of the University of Nebraska, in talking on "Home Projects in Agriculture," urged upon teachers the importance of becoming leaders in the organization of agricultural clubs among their pupils. He told them that they should not only strive to teach, but that they should prepare themselves so that they would know how to instruct the children to do things, producing the best results with the least cost.

Mr. Watson favored giving credits to pupils on their home project work and would have this work take in pig-raising, egg-producing and cooking.

Prof. Pugsley of the University of Nebraska, in speaking on the "Agricultural Teacher and the War," took the position that there are places for these teachers in the trenches, on the farm and in the school rooms of the state. He urged that more attention be paid to teaching loyalty to the country, the problem of food conservation and food production.

The professor did not anticipate starvation, but with the United States called upon to furnish food for more than half of the civilized world he insisted that it behooves Nebraskans to give special attention to food production and the conservation of food products of all kinds.

Kennedy Names Committee On Fuel for Lancaster

The fuel administration committee for Lancaster county has been appointed by John L. Kennedy, Nebraska federal fuel administrator.

Prof. J. E. Rossingnoll of the department of economics of the state university is named as chairman. The other members are Charles H. Rudge, E. B. Sawyer, C. C. Quiggie, president of the Nebraska Manufacturers' association; O. J. Allison, president Lincoln Rotary club, and George Anderson, vice chairman Lancaster Council of Defense, Havelock.

All members with the exception of Anderson reside in Lincoln.

The duty of the committee will be to gather information regarding the supply of fuel in Lancaster county, to investigate and report upon prices charged in the community and upon the gross margin charged on the different sizes and qualities of coal and whether such margin is excessive.

Local complaints regarding prices and requests for assistance in obtaining coal will be considered by the committee and forwarded to Coal Dictator Kennedy with the recommendation of the committee.

Appointment of other county committees is expected soon.

Annual Jewish Shekel Day on Sunday, Nov. 11

The Zionist council of Omaha will hold their annual shekel day Sunday, November 11. The announcement urges all Jewish people to buy a shekel, thereby encouraging the International Zionist movement in building up the future of the Jewish nation.

EARLY PEACE IN SIGHT—BRIGHAM

Eastern Educator Addressing Commerce Section of State Teachers Tells of Methods of Teuton Professors.

"Germany is gutting itself. It has gone so long on the plea of self-defense that I look for it to collapse suddenly. The end will come in a crash," stated Dr. Albert Perry Brigham of Colgate university and councillor of the Association of American Geographers.

The doctor addressed the commerce section of the Nebraska State Teachers' association in the High School of Federation." He was in Germany for one year before the war was started and was lecturing at Oxford university, England, when war was declared. He views Prussian militarism as a menace to the free commerce of the world, but takes an optimistic view of the future.

War Anticipated.

When he was in England during 1914 a German housemaid told him there was going to be war because Germany wanted more room for its people. He used that girl's statement as representative of the Hohenzollern propaganda, which, he stated, had been disseminated and urged by professors in Germany for years.

"When the hanging begins, it ought to begin with those German professors. I left Germany six weeks before the war was started and I learned to loathe and hate the German autocracy," said Dr. Brigham.

"Scratch a German and you will find a savage. They have always been pagans and savages at heart. I am not referring to loyal German-Americans in this country, but those who have been bred in the Prussian militaristic spirit. When I was in Germany a man expressed his surprise to me that the United States did not take Mexico because it was contiguous territory. He also could not understand this country's altruistic attitude toward Cuba."

One Year More.

In a conversation after his talk to the teachers the doctor expressed his firm conviction that the war will be over next year and that Germany's collapse will be overwhelming and sudden.

In his consideration of geography and commerce before the teachers, Dr. Brigham said: "I do not say that the millennium is coming now, but if a geographer has any business interpreting history, I would say that the world is moving in that direction. Progress of industry and commerce offer indubitable evidence. The time will come when nations will live together in reasonable amity and uninterrupted exchange of trade. Centuries ago the people of Egypt quarreled over the division of the waters of the Nile, but they learned the lesson that it is more economic to consolidate than to be divided against themselves. Modern devices of manufacture and transportation have tended to unite the world."

M. Y. Harding of Grand Island presided as president of the commerce section of the state teachers' association. Other speakers were: Frances Roberts, Lincoln; Elizabeth Mahler, efficiency expert of Brandels stores; J. N. Nutter, Hastings; Jeanette McDonald, High School of Commerce; Rose L. Tharp, Grand Island; Mrs. Mabel Burgey, Fremont; Beulah Byrd, Van Sant school.

Wants Boys Below Draft Age Sent to Colleges

"If we are going to wage war at all, we should do it intelligently." This was the statement made by Dr. I. B. Schreckengast, chancellor Nebraska Wesleyan university, at the meeting of the college section of the State Teachers' association, at the Fontenelle.

This was the sentiment expressed throughout the meeting. Further, the question of recruiting officers influencing high school boys to enlist was frankly discouraged. That all boys not of conscription age be put into the colleges, if they are not already there, and that all present students of conscription age be permitted to finish their college work, was the opinion of Dr. Schreckengast.

The need for intelligent men to go forward with the work of reconstruction was the general argument. "Their duties in school are the same as the duties of the older men in the trenches," said Prof. A. A. Reed of Lincoln.

Officers elected for the coming year are: President, John N. Bennett, Doane college; secretary, Anna L. Hinterlong, University of Nebraska.

Express Company Will Handle Christmas Boxes

Correct addressing of Christmas packages destined for soldiers of the American expedition in France is one of importance, according to E. P. Fitzwilliam of the Wells-Fargo Express company, whose organization has effected an agreement with the War department to facilitate the prompt delivery of Christmas boxes east.

Packers must be conspicuously marked "Christmas box." The consignee's name, company, regiment or other organization, followed by the words "American Expeditionary Forces," should appear in the address. In the upper left corner the name and address of the sender must be placed. The contents of each package should be stated on the outside, such as books, clothing, tobacco, etc., indicating the general nature of the contents.

The package must be sent "Care Commanding General, Hoboken, N. J."

Woman in Case is Cause Of Street Fist Fight

The woman in the case brought O. E. Magg and Earl Matheson, 716 Bancroft street, to jail Wednesday night charged with disturbing the peace.

Matheson alleges Magg took Mrs. Matheson automobile. The fight was in progress in front of 2406 Cass street, when police arrived and gave the fist combaters a ride to the station. They were released on cash bonds.

The case came up in police court, but was continued till next Wednesday by Judge Madden on request of both parties, who wished to secure witnesses.

Seeks to Steal Firewater, Got Horse Serum Instead

Some unhappy thieves mistook bottles of horse serum for firewater and stole nine bottles of the stuff from the automobile which G. A. Sneed, Sarpy county farmer, left standing at Twenty-fifth and N streets, Wednesday night. "I'd like to have seen the thieves when they reached an alley and took a swig," chuckled Desk Sergeant McCarty.

Awards Divorce, But First Delivers Scorching Rebuke

Judge Day gave Robert Zahnow and wife, Marie, a scorching rebuke when he granted the latter a divorce with \$2,250 alimony and \$100 attorney's fees. Mrs. Zahnow sued for \$30,000, alleging various acts of cruelty on the part of her husband. "I have had 850 divorce cases before me during this year," said Judge Day. "I am desperately sorry that so many people do not get along better in the married state. It is the foundation of our society, and a great number of these divorces are founded on nothing more than pettiness and vicious nagging between husband and wife."

Mutual consideration and a pinch of courtesy and tolerance would eliminate a large part of the growing antagonism in domestic life which leads to the abuse and quarrels ending in the divorce court, said the judge. "There is no reason why a man cannot get along as well with his wife as he can with his neighbors."

Prof. W. N. Halsey is Chosen Pastor of Castelar Church

At a meeting of the officers of Castelar Presbyterian church Wednesday night Prof. Walter N. Halsey, head of the educational department of the University of Omaha, was unanimously selected as pastoral supply. Prof. Halsey will keep up his connection with the university in addition to his duties as pastor.

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