

MORE CRIMINAL COMPLAINTS MAY FOLLOW OUSTER

County Attorney Magney Indicates Allegations of Perjury Will Be Investigated and Charges Filed.

More criminal complaints may follow the Lynch ouster suit disclosures, which already have prompted County Attorney Magney to file charges against Johnny Lynch, Tom Dennison, Billy Nesselhaus and Jack Hassell.

The county attorney refuses to reveal the identity of those the additional complaints would accuse, but he has indicated further charges of criminal nature may be filed against the convicted county commissioner.

"Charges that perjuries were committed during the Lynch trial have been made," said Magney. "They will be investigated. I will consult Judge Sears for suggestions as to what action is necessary, or advisable, on that point."

Judge Sears declined to remark upon the subject of the proposed conference.

"Evidently somebody is guilty of perjury in that case," is Magney's opinion.

No action has been taken by the judges upon the suggestion that a grand jury be called to investigate further the alleged ramifications of "protection" and crooked administration prevailing in Douglas county officialdom as indicated in the ouster testimony.

County Commissioner Johnny Lynch, Tom Dennison and Billy Nesselhaus, arrested Monday on Magney's complaints charging the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors without a license and the maintenance of gambling fixtures at Riverside, will appear before County Judge Bryce Crawford for preliminary hearing in county court Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. They were released from the custody of the sheriff on bonds fixed at \$1,200 each.

Fraud Is Laid at Door of Chicago Meat Packers

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Concerns previously mentioned in testimony except that Priebe & Company merely acted as a selling agent.

Among the firms named in the list were the following:

Atlantic Produce company, a creamery, at Atlantic, Ia.

W. F. Priebe company, Hampton, Ia.

Audubon Produce company, at Audubon, Ia.

R. C. Otis, at Casey, Ia.

Earlham Produce company, at Earlham, Ia.

Haslan Produce company, at Earlham, Ia.

Atlantic Produce company, at Stuart, Ia.

W. B. P. Manning Produce company, at Manning, Ia.

Gobbled Little Men.

Accusations that the packers gobbled the little dealers, stifled them by underselling and by juggling prices, were made by several witnesses, among them T. A. Buchanan, a poultry and egg dealer of Hardin, Mo.

Buchanan testified that when he refused to sell to agents of the packers, they started a spirited fight even to the point of paying higher prices in Hardin for produce, than they paid in adjacent territory. The witness said that where the large concerns had monopoly on the field, it worked to a disadvantage of not only the producer, but the consumer as well. He said that as soon as independent buyers were driven out of the field, there was an immediate drop in prices paid producers.

Farmers Are Deceived.

Farmers living near Hardin, Mr. Buchanan testified, recently have been inclined to divide their sale between independent and packers' buyers so that competition, with attendant stimulation of trading might be continued. The witness declared that packers' agents posing as independent buyers, operated in his territory where farmers and producers were adverse to trading with a monopoly.

Rudolph Miller of Macon, Mo., testified that "Swift got all of the business." His story told of an untiring fight against price raising on the part of the packers' buyers. He declared that his business had been undermined and curtailed by the activities of the "big buyers" who carried out a program of flexible prices to throttle all competition.

Fear to Testify.

The packers, Miller testified, used the poultry and egg trades as a club to force producers to sell them their entire output of produce, cream included.

Two of the witnesses questioned by Attorney Heney today made the declaration that they regretted their appearance before the commission because they fear reprisals from the packers.

"I am sorry I was called here to testify," Miller said, "because the packers try to do me harm whenever they can—it costs too much to fight them. It will be constant trouble between myself and them until I die."

Would Wreck Business.

Heney assured him the whole world was now engaged in a "fight for democracy" and that speaking for himself, he did not think he would do to his legal clients as a result of the task he is undertaking for the government in investigating the packing industry.

J. E. Hoban of Carlton, Mo., a witness, made an appeal for protection of the government, as he feared his business would be completely wrecked by the packers in retaliation for his testimony.

"I am like a flea biting an elephant," Hoban said, "and I won't have a flea's chance if the packers start after me."

Packers Are Invincible.

"There isn't enough fighting spirit left among the small dealers to come before the federal trade commission and let the government know what is going on just as you have done, I am indeed sorry for the small dealers and for the people of this country."

EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES PLAN BIG CONFERENCE

Washington, Feb. 26.—Former President Taft was chosen today by representatives of capital as their representative for the public in the joint conferences here between employers and employees to establish a basis of relations during the war. The workers' representatives also will name a man to represent the public.

Representatives of the workers named William Johnson of Washington, president of the Machinists' union, to take the place of J. A. Franklin, president of the boiler makers, who was unable to serve on the committee.

A national labor policy, planned for the duration of the war and backed, if necessary, with special legislation, is being considered by the representatives of capital and of labor, who continued today the series of conferences arranged at the request of the government.

Attending the conferences are five representatives of capital and five of labor. The 10 men will choose two representatives of the general public.

has in proceeding against the packers is that men like you, who have the information, fear to give it. The federal trade commission, without red tape, will act whenever complaints are made of unfair, illegal business practices."

Mr. Haney is expected to read more letters taken from the packers' files, when the hearing is resumed tomorrow.

Hoover Denies Charge.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Charges made in the federal trade commission's report packing investigation that men still in the pay of the big packing interests are holding important positions in the food administration, drew a categorical denial tonight from Food Administrator Hoover.

"On behalf of and out of consideration for the men referred to in the packers' investigation at Chicago yesterday who are, or have been employed in the food administration," Mr. Hoover said, "I wish to say that none of the men referred to had anything whatever to do with the regulation or control of the packing trade. They are employed in other directions and not now paid by the packers."

Try Out Many.

"From time to time, as in these cases, many men are tried out temporarily in the food administration and if they are able to give the time and prove to have the devotion, experience and skill necessary for the work, they are required to resign from any connection that would involve any conflict of interest before they become permanent employees of the administration."

"All of the men referred to have rendered valuable service to the government at considerable sacrifice to themselves and there is no question whatever as to their loyalty to the public interest."

ARMY AND NAVY NIGHT AT MOTOR DISPLAY FRIDAY

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immense crowds that came out to see the thirteenth annual auto show. Never in the history of the show have crowds showed the interest that was expressed on the opening night.

At 8 o'clock Manager Franke of the Auditorium locked the doors and refused admittance to the crowd that was rapidly closing Fifteenth street. Emergency exits were opened to allow those who desired to leave an opportunity to get out, it being impossible to get through the crowd at the entrance.

Police reserves were called out to hold back the crowd until room could be made to receive them. "There were more than 2,000 waiting outside of the doors for admittance after we closed the doors," said Manager Franke. "It was by far the biggest crowd I have ever seen in the Auditorium."

Flags Fly Everywhere.

An unusually elaborate decorative scheme has been prepared for the event. The season's show is a scene of color, of completeness in every detail. One enjoys a thrill of patriotism as he sees the stands of allied flags, the bannerettes hanging from the balconies, and the pictures of noted Americans. Covering the ceiling of the building is the largest American flag in the state.

Motor talk filled the hotels, clubs and other places where men got together last night. Thousands of visitors are pouring into the city and they are expected in ever increasing numbers.

On the floor are many automobiles that created sensations in the recent New York and Chicago shows. In addition, models are shown here which will be exhibited for the first time, not being completed in time for the eastern shows. Many cars were shipped here from the east direct and have not been shown in other western shows.

Shumway Urges U. S. Commandeer Packing Plants

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

Lincoln, Feb. 26.—(Special.)—Commandeering of the packing houses is urged by Land Commissioner Grant Shumway, who today sent a telegram to Food Administrator Hoover at Washington as follows:

"Responding to your urgent request and relying upon the government through you, farmers have fed high priced feed to stock purchased at high prices. Result is that some have lost even their household furniture. Others will lose much and still others be entirely stripped unless the government takes immediate action. An error of policy now will make shortage of food next year. The government must not break faith with, and bankrupt food producers. Suggest commandeering the packing houses and authorize purchase of fat stock at prices that will let feeders break even."

Omaha Boys Enlist in Army in York State

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 26.—(Special Telegram.)—Richard Voorhies and Charles T. McVreen, both of Omaha, late Monday enlisted in Albany, in the army. These Omaha lads for years have been chums and have been working together as waiters in an Albany restaurant.

ADVOCATES NEW SYSTEM TO SAVE TAX CONFUSION

William Baird Says City and County Payments Should Be Made at One Time.

William Baird of Omaha speaking before the County Treasurers' association at the court house Tuesday afternoon, advocated a system whereby the city and county taxes could be paid at one time in order to save the taxpayer the confusion which results under the present system.

"There should be some system of accounting also," he said, "whereby all the taxes of any kind that any individual owes could be recorded in one book at one place. As it is now you never know how much tax any one man owes at one time without referring to a half dozen or more books in the treasurer's office."

Mr. Baird said he did not personally feel capable of devising such a system, but he felt sure that it could be done. "It ought to be done for you by the state auditor," he said. "The state auditor, if he is fit to be state auditor, should be a competent accountant, and he, it seems to me, should be the man who could work out some such a system for you."

M. L. Endres, county treasurer of Douglas county, spoke of the great complications that are found in an office like his where taxes are paid from a multiplicity of paving districts and special assessment districts of all kinds. He said he hoped eventually some better system could be worked out, and he hoped that if Douglas county should find some such system and should seek to get legislation to that effect at the next session of the legislature, that the county treasurers from other parts of the state might see fit to support it and point out the wisdom of it to the legislative delegations from the respective counties.

Hear Fuel Talk.

Fuel and food were the topics at the convention yesterday morning. John L. Kennedy, fuel administrator of Nebraska, discussed the fuel situation. He is writing the government advocating that track scales be maintained by the government in order that the dealers may be sure of getting full weight from the mines, he said.

"There is some shrinkage in shipment, of course," said Mr. Kennedy. "During these extraordinary times

much of that is due to stealing. Poor people who cannot get coal any other way go to the cars in the yards and pick off a little here and there. But on the other hand a part of the shrinkage is due to the fact that the coal was not in the car in the first place."

Dealer is Tempted.

"Then when the dealer finds that he has received short weight there is a great temptation to pass it on to the consumer."

One of the county treasurers asked Mr. Kennedy if a man who has a house covering a quarter of a block is entitled to any more coal than the man with a small five-room house. "That would depend upon the size of the family," said Mr. Kennedy. "Where people have a house of many rooms and only a few people in the family they are asked to heat only a part of the house."

Executive Secretary Bushnell of the federal food administration of Nebraska spoke on food, in the absence of Administrator Wattles, who is in Lincoln. He declared that the government will ship the necessary wheat to Europe whether we will or no, and we will have to eat what is left. He said the government is hoping it can bring about enough voluntary cooperation among the people of intelligent America without actually issuing food cards and forcing people to save.

"If we don't supply the French with wheat and fats," he said, "they will weaken, and once they weaken there will be no western front for us except the Atlantic ocean."

The county treasurers took luncheon at the Omaha Chamber of Commerce at noon. Last evening the Lion Bonding company entertained the delegates at a theater party at the Orpheum.

Young Women of Lincoln Attempt to End Life

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

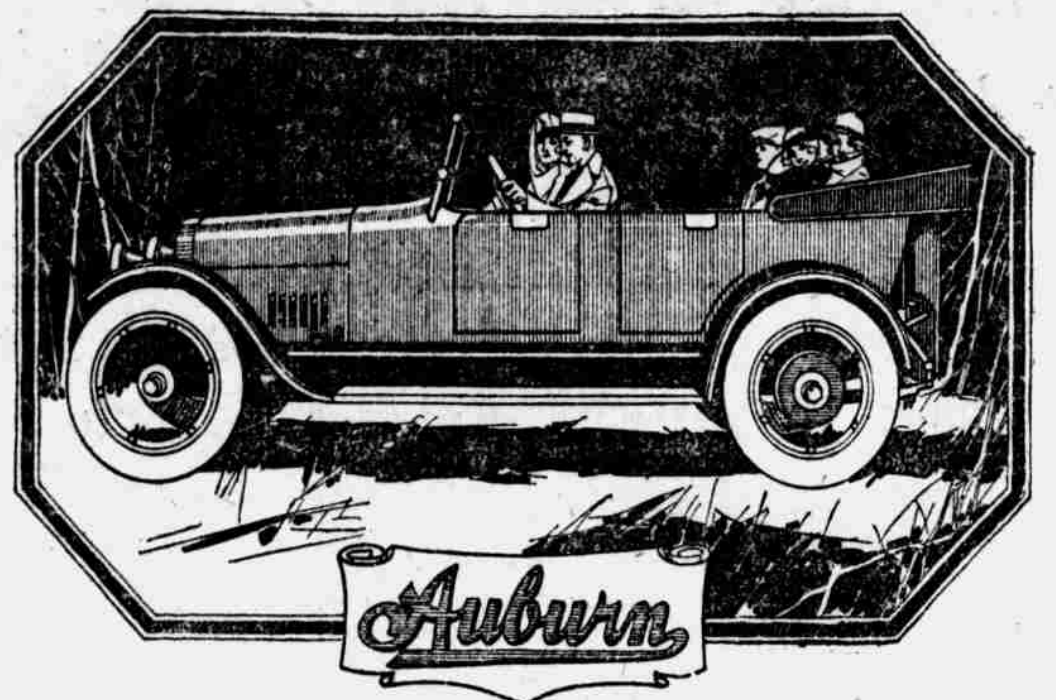
Lincoln, Feb. 26.—(Special.)—Within a week no less than six girls have tried to commit suicide by taking chloroform, two in one instance trying to carry out a suicide pact in the rest room of one of the department stores.

Yesterday Mrs. E. R. Lambert attempted to end her life by chloroform. She had become despondent because of ill health and soaking a pillow with the liquid, placed her face therein. She was discovered before it was too late to save her.

Germans From Virgins To Be Safely Sent Home

An Atlantic Port, Feb. 25.—Ten Germans said to have been consular employees of their country in the Virgin Islands, prior to the purchase of the islands by the United States from Denmark, arrived here today on an American steamship from St. Thomas. It is understood they will be furnished safe transportation to Germany.

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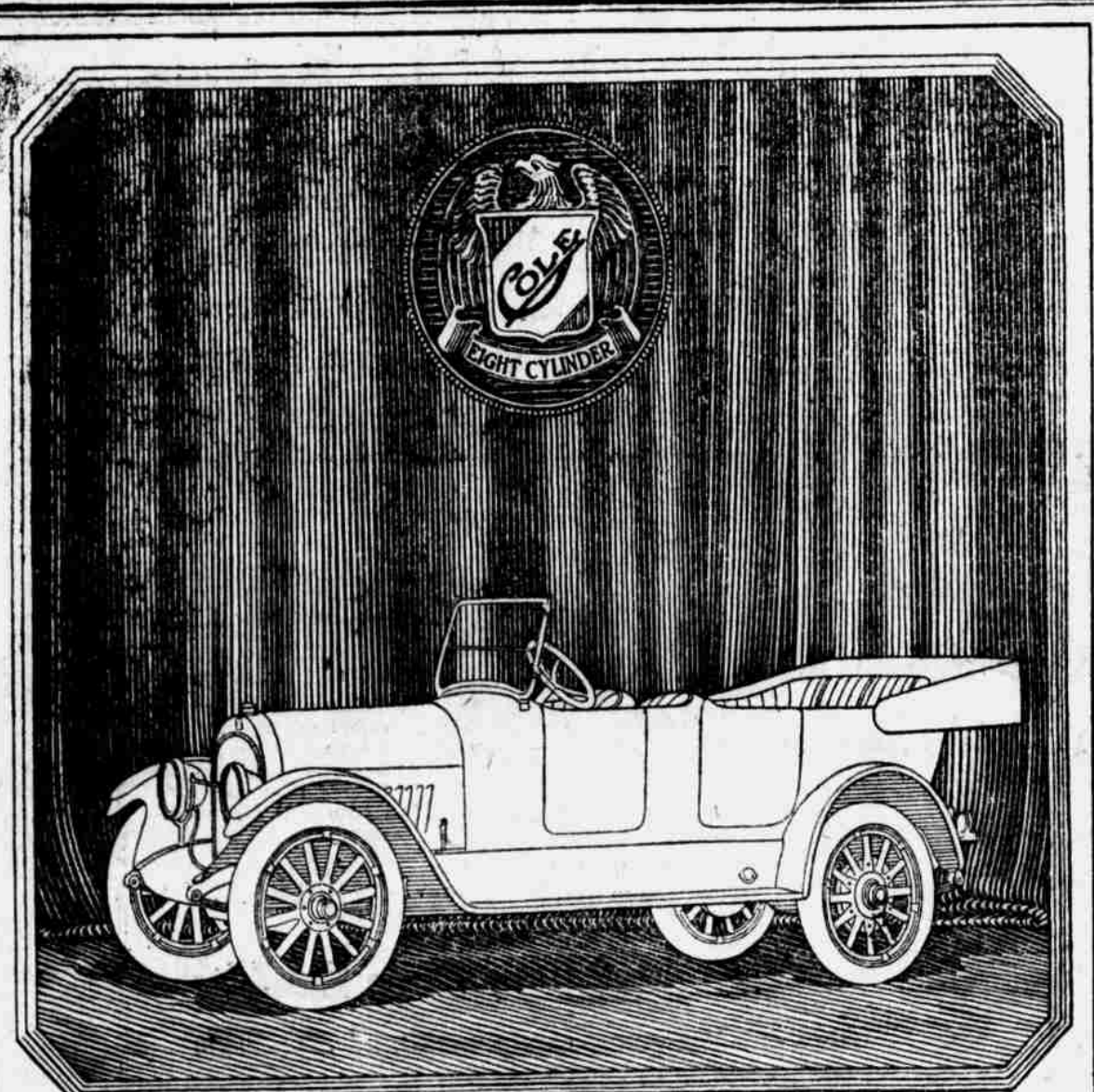
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