

LAWYERS CLASH AT UNI HEARING; SHOCK REGENTS

Counsel for Prof. Tuckerman and Defense Council Attorney Exchange Hot Words During Loyalty Probe.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, Neb., June 4.—(Special Telegram.)—The hearing of University of Nebraska professors Tuesday morning was enlivened when attorneys T. F. A. Williams and H. H. Wilson, representing Prof. Tuckerman and the State Council of Defense, respectively, exchanged vitriolic verbiage which shocked many of the attendants.

Williams opened the encounter by charging Wilson with unfairness in the investigation of Prof. Tuckerman. Wilson came back with a demand that Williams make a public apology instantly, which Williams declined to do except that he should be allowed the same privileges which he argued had been allowed to Wilson.

The disputatious members of the bar exchanged opinions of each other until the air sizzled with burning words. Attorney F. M. Hall, for the board of regents, interposed by suggesting that it made little or no difference what these lawyers thought of each other; that they were taking up valuable time and getting nowhere in their personal polemic.

Dr. Gratz Testifies. Dr. W. E. J. Gratz, pastor of St. Paul Methodist church of Lincoln, was called to substantiate the evidence given by J. W. Johnson in which the latter had said that Dr. Luckey had said at a meeting of the open forum that I would as lief live under Kaiser William as under Kaiser Theodore. Dr. Luckey had intended the remarks as unpatriotic but Dr. Gratz thought at the time that the words were "unfortunate."

In his acquaintance with both Dr. Luckey and Professor Caldwell, Dr. Gratz said he did not gather the impression that either was disloyal, nor had he gained the impression that to faculty of the university were disloyal.

Law Professor Called. G. N. Foster, for six years a member of the law faculty, said that he had seen Prof. Aglesworth in regard to the purchase of thrift stamps in March. He said that Aglesworth had objected to the way money was being raised and said the rich had been the principal influence in bringing on the war and said they were the ones that should be taxed.

He said that Aglesworth said that the government had conscripted the young men of the country and should conscript the wealth also. He said that Aglesworth remarks had made him warm under the collar. He did not know if Prof. Alesworth subscribed for thrift stamps.

Prof. La Rossignol was recalled to further explain a discussion had at a meeting of profession, in which it had been charged that Prof. Persinger had expressed unpatriotic sentiments.

Judge A. J. Cornish of the supreme court stated that he had been quite closely acquainted with Prof. Tuckerman of the university for many years and had frequently discussed the war. On cross-examination he could not remember that he had ever heard the professor take a decided stand in favor of America's attitude in the war.

Mrs. England Testifies. Testimony concerning Prof. C. E. Persinger was given during the board's late afternoon session today by Mrs. Minnie T. England, also an instructor at the university. Mrs. England and Prof. Persinger were both members of a committee of the university's patriotic league until Mrs. England resigned.

At one meeting of the committee, the witness said, a letter written by the chairman of the county Liberty loan committee to a number of German Lutheran ministers accusing them with refusing to attend a loan rally, come up for comment. Prof. Persinger, she asserted, said that the ministers had a right to stay away from the loan meeting if they wanted to do so.

Mrs. England said that she had told Persinger if everybody was a Persinger we would be playing into the hands of the Germans. She accused him of being the "same old Persinger" referring to his attitude before war was declared.

May Call Miss Davies. When asked if she knew of anyone who had heard questionable remarks made she named Miss Sarah Ryans, teacher in the Temple High school of the university and in addition named Miss Austin Davies of the Omaha High school, who had told her of questionable remarks she had heard by university teachers. Miss Davies probably will be summoned if the board considers the remarks of sufficient importance.

At the close of the hearing this afternoon H. H. Wilson, attorney for the Council of Defense, asked that the newspapers give publicity to the fact that the board desired any person who had ever heard any employe of the university make remarks which showed they were "passive" or halting in their support of the government or "disloyal" to communicate with the council at once.

Grand Island Liederkranz Society in Loyalty Pledge

Grand Island, Neb., June 4.—(Special.)—The recommendations of the committee of 15, appointed by the Liederkranz society to confer and present plans for the betterment of the society, were adopted practically without change. A statement to the public setting forth the society's original purpose, pledging its continued loyalty, and declaring its desire to co-operate for the good of the county, state and nation, is to be made.

Patriotic Service at Lyons.

Lyons, Neb., June 4.—(Special.)—The Methodist church was packed at the special service flag dedication which included a fine program. The Sunday school boys and girls sang patriotic songs and Mrs. Harry Moseman gave a reading on "The Service Flag." The Liberty male quartet rendered splendid selections. Harry A. Martin, president of the Methodist brotherhood made a speech and read the names of the soldier boys on the honor roll, which included 45.

PORT OF LINCOLN IS CLOSED; NOT SUBS, JUST NO BUSINESS

Imports to Capital City in Future Will Be Handled by Customs Office in Omaha.

Charles McGuire, collector of the port, has returned from Lincoln, where he closed the port of Lincoln temporarily, owing to a lack of business there. All imports in future received at Lincoln will be handled through the Omaha customs office. E. R. Berge, deputy in charge of the Lincoln port, now is temporarily employed in the Omaha customs office, where he will remain until ultimately assigned to some port at the Atlantic seaboard.

Many of the customs offices in the interior cities are being closed, because of a lack of business.

BEATRICE LETS CONTRACT FOR LARGE HOSPITAL

Omaha Firm to Complete \$125,000 Lutheran Institution in 8 Months; Gas Rates Before Council.

Beatrice, Neb., June 4.—(Special.)—The contract for erecting the new Lutheran hospital in South Beatrice, to cost \$125,000, has been let to Borgmann & Nelson of Omaha. The firm agrees to have the hospital completed in eight months. Work will be started on the building in two weeks. When begun, the Danngrocery store, which took \$8 for the cash register, they overlooked \$500 which was locked in the safe in the rear of the store. The raid on five stores netted the robbers about \$80 in cash and wearing apparel.

Expelled From War Work. Fred Damkroeger, a farmer of the Clatonia vicinity, has been expelled from the war work committee of Gage county, following what are said to be repeated refusals to get behind Uncle Sam. A petition was sent to the defense council here from Cortland asking that the use of German in business houses, on the streets and at all meetings be abandoned. The petition is signed by 100 residents.

Discusses Gas Rates. The board of directors of the Commercial club discussed the matter of the proposed shutdown of the gas company for the reason that the city commissioners have refused to grant the company 20 per cent increase in rates. The directors will make an effort to have the commissioners act favorably on the proposition in order to prevent a close-down of the plant, which has been operating at a loss for some time.

STORM VICTIMS OF BARADA NEED OUTSIDE HELP

Stella, Neb., June 4.—(Special.)—The cyclone victims in the little district east of Barada along the Missouri river are in need. The Barada people did all they could to help them in rebuilding and putting up a little shelter, but the demand was greater than the Red Cross of Barada could meet and they have asked for outside help. The roads delayed the outside aid in getting to the place. Some of the families had nothing left them.

Several Killed in France as War Munitions Plant Blows Up. Paris, June 4.—Much damage was done by a violent explosion yesterday in a plant in which war materials were being manufactured at Baussens, in southern France, near Arles, a Havas dispatch from Marseilles reports. The number of persons killed or injured is large.

Obituary Notes. MRS. BESSIE MAY STUART, 42 years old, died early Tuesday morning at the home of her father, Stephen Stuart, 298 Franklin street.

MRS. EMMA SHUB, 64 years old, died Monday at the home of her nephew, M. S. Atkinson, 1810 Emmet street. She is survived by her husband. The body was taken to Ashland, Neb., her former home, for burial.

MRS. MARY A. PILANT, 8123 North Twenty-ninth street, died Sunday night at her home. She is survived by a daughter who had been living with her. Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the First Presbyterian church in Florence. Interment will be in Mount Hope cemetery.

CHARLES T. LUNDIN, 48 years old, 4295 Pacific street, died Sunday night from uremic poisoning. He was taken seriously ill last Friday. He is survived by his widow and three children. Mr. Lundin was a member of the Woodmen of the World. Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the residence. Interment will be in Forest Lawn cemetery.

MRS. J. W. WRIGHT died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Ramey, at Pinehurst Road, Hollywood, Cal., aged 92 years, leaving four children living, as follows: J. E. Wright, Jesse Florence, Libbie Alma, and Harriet Rachel. Her maiden name was Margetta C. Wright.

MRS. ANNA NAPPSTEK died at Plainview. She was a former resident of West Point and was 80 years of age. She was a native of Bohemia.

CONRAD SPENCER, pioneer of Cuming county, died at West Point. He located there in 1855. He acquired large areas of farming lands here, which are inherited by his children. Funeral services Wednesday, from St. Mary's church, West Point.

OLIVER PELTON died at his home in Beatrice, Neb., after a brief illness, aged 71 years. The deceased is survived by his widow and four children.

GEORGE W. WALKER, a pioneer of Gage county, died at a Beatrice, Neb., hospital, where he was operated upon a week ago, aged 59 years. He is survived by a wife and three children. Mr. Walker located on a farm near Ottell nearly 40 years ago, and moved to Beatrice in 1903.

MRS. ANNIE NOAKES died at her home in Beatrice, Neb., after a brief illness, 47 years of age. She leaves her husband and six children.

Brief City News

Have Hot Print in New Beacon Press. Fine fireplace goods at Sunderlands. Elec. Fans, \$8, Burgess-Graden Co. Prudent saving in war times is a hostage for opportunities of peace. Play safe by starting an account with Nebraska Savings & Loan Ass'n, 211 S. 18th St. \$1 to \$5,000 received.

Entertain Employees—The M. C. Peters Mill company entertained 133 employes at the Brandeis theater Monday night.

Bound Over to District Court—John Gish, bellboy, charged with grand larceny, was bound over to district court by Police Judge Madden Tuesday morning.

Divorce is Granted—William A. Schultz was granted a divorce decree from Mary E. Schultz Monday in district court, the defendant failing to make her appearance.

Iten Company Entertains—Three hundred and eleven employes of the Iten Biscuit company were guests of their employers at the Brandeis theater last night.

Held For Trial—Joseph Kuriaski, 544 North Sixteenth street, charged with "insufficient funds" at the bank, was bound over to the district court under bonds of \$500 each on two counts.

Band Concert Tonight—Fairbrother's band, under the direction of Al Fairbrother, will give a concert tonight at 8 o'clock at Kountze park. The program will consist of popular and patriotic airs.

Fined For Short Weight—H. Horwich, 4708 South Twenty-sixth street, was fined \$1 and costs in police court on information furnished by Inspector Scruggs of the city weights and measures department. Horwich was charged with selling five pounds of chicken feed as 10 pounds to a girl.

Community Meeting—A community meeting will be held Wednesday night in the Franklin school for the purpose of planning vacant lot gardening and the installation of a community drier for use in conserving surplus fruits and vegetables. Prof. G. W. Hood of the state university will lecture.

To Train for Commission—Clyde L. Parsley of the Parsley Commission company has enrolled in the navy for commission in the naval reserve flying corps. R. A. Parsley of this city, formerly engaged in the wholesale jobbing business at Cheyenne, Wyo., will assume active charge of the business.

Two Charge Cruelty—Grace Housky, in a petition filed in district court, is asking divorce from Frank Housky, on grounds of cruelty and non-support. The couple was married December 25, 1917, at Des Moines. Mamie Ferguson also asks divorce from Arch B. Ferguson, alleging cruelty. The couple was married September 2, 1908. Mrs. Ferguson also asks the custody of a minor child, Clyde.

Graduating Exercises at Fremont Begin Wednesday. Fremont, Neb., June 4.—(Special.)—This is commencement week at the Fremont High school. The graduation exercises will be held Wednesday evening when five members of the class will give their orations. A service flag with 120 stars, representing students who are serving under the colors, will be unfurled.

Firing Heard Off Cape May and Off Delaware Capes

Cape May, N. J., June 4.—Firing was heard off Cape May this afternoon and again about 8 o'clock tonight. Small boats containing women and children were reported to have been seen this afternoon several miles off shore by an aviator. The report could not be confirmed. Airplanes tonight were flying low over the mouth of Delaware bay.

Lewes, Del., June 4.—Firing was heard off the Delaware capes tonight, but the cause of it could not be learned. The tanker Herbert L. Pratt, sunk yesterday by a submarine, was hauled off the bar on which it settled yesterday and was towed to the Delaware breakwater stern first.

In the Silent Drama

Empress—At the Empress theater will be witnessed the last times today the College Quintette, which sings the latest popular songs as well as some old time melodies and college numbers. Ronald and Met Maggie are decidedly pleasing and amusing. Blood is thicker than water. This is true in June Caprice's latest William Fox photoplay "Blue Eyed Mary," which will be shown at the Empress theater for the last times today.

Blatant—In "Selfish Yates," appearing here for the last times today William S. Hart is shown in a new role wherein he is pictured as a self centered and egotistical man to whom a change of heart comes when he falls in love with a sweet young girl, and some of Hart's best character work is shown when he portrays the feelings in Selfish Yates when he comes to realize that he really loves Mary Adams.

Sun—The editor regrets having been under the necessity of shooting Deacon Doyle, which it was the Deacon's fault, for he started it, trying to shoot the editor from York Central's room. Here is a sample of the newspaper Bill Hart ran, "The Glory Hole Nugget," in his character as "Truthful" Folliver. He comes into town a tramp printer and finds things in bad shape. With red-hot editorials and hotter lead, Hart portrays the cleaning up of a tough town, incidentally there is a pretty love story involved.

Strand—Douglas Fairbanks in "Mr. Fix-It" has deserted the outdoor western scene to become a popular "cut-up," a genial philosopher who believes that it is his duty to obtain happiness himself by making others happy. In "Mr. Fix-It" Fairbanks gets himself into considerable trouble and many mixups in his attempt to clear up the tangled love affairs of two pretty girls, but in the end his efforts are what he desires, everyone is happy.

Muse—Fannie Ward returns to the screen today in a story full of pathos which makes "Innocent" an exceptional attraction. The story is adapted from the sensational success of the stage. A new weekly and Harold Lloyd comedy will complete the bill.

Brandeis—Uncle Sam as a showman has scored the first hit of the season and his percentage to date is 1,000 per cent. "Parading's Crusaders," the big United States government war feature, is prac-

Four Killed in Flying Stunts at Aviation Camps

San Diego, Cal., June 4.—Civilian Instructor Stanley Coyle, 27 years old, of Coudersport, Pa., was killed and Flying Cadet Elwyn Chapman, 26, of Brookline, Mass., was badly injured today when the airplane in which they were flying grazed another machine about 200 feet above Rockwell field, North Island, and fell spinning to the ground.

San Antonio, Tex., June 4.—Second Lieutenant Joseph John O'Mally, age 26, Albany, Mo., was instantly killed here today when his airplane went into a tail spin and could not be righted. A companion escaped unhurt.

Houston, Tex., June 4.—Private John Eerner of Philadelphia was killed and Lieutenant Elmer N. May slightly injured today at Ellington field when their airplane became unmanageable in the air and crashed to the ground.

Montgomery, Ala., June 4.—Aviation Cadet George A. Mills of Jersey City, N. J., was killed late today when his plane caught fire and fell 2,000 feet near Taylor field.

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Grand—Pearl White and Antonio Moreno in the thrilling serial drama "The House of Hate" will be shown tonight here in episode number one. The plot of the serial involves around the spy system, the story being carried in 15 episodes, two reels being shown to complete each episode.

Lothrop—William Farnum in "The Heart of a Lion" will play today and Thursday at the Lothrop. The plot is one that Farnum carries well in his characterization of a rough but ready American.

Hamilton—Constance Talmadge will be at the Hamilton for one day only in "The Honey Moon." All through the play there are bits of humor for the audience. On Thursday, Clara Kimball Young will be seen in "Magda."

Suburban—Norma Talmadge in "Ghosts of Yesterday" will be shown here today only. The story in spite of the title is a very pretty tale of love, and is carried through in the matter of stage detail and with a good support on the part of the cast.

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