AUTO MAN'S WIFE GIVEN DIVORCE, $4,000 ALIMONY

Mrs. Harriet Robbins Granted Decree and Husband, John M. Robbins Ordered to Pay Big Sum.

John M. Robbins, formerly district manager of the Chalmers Motor Sales company, with headquarters in Omaha, was ordered to pay his wife $4,000 alimony in a decree given to Mrs. Harriet Robbins yesterday by Judge Troup, sitting in divorce court. Mr. Robbins lives at the Hotel Fontenelle.

The domestic troubles of the Robbins began more than a year ago and Mrs. Robbins left her husband in January, 1918.

On August 20, 1918, she filed suit for divorce in district court, alleging that he had treated her cruelly, had neglected her, and caused her to be humiliated and used improper language in her presence.

Husband Denied Allegation.

Mr. Robbins filed an answer and cross petition on December 6, 1918. He denied her statements regarding him and alleged that she had treated him with cruelty.

He said she had treated him with extreme cruelty, had voluntarily left him in January, 1918, had caused him great distress and humiliation, and subjected him to cruel and unusual abuse. He alleged that she had threatened to ruin him in his business.

They were married October 4, 1906, and came to Omaha about three years ago. Their home was at the Hamilton apartments where Mrs. Robbins still resides.

Judge Troup ordered Mr. Robbins to pay $1,000 of the $4,000 in cash immediately. He also ordered him to give Mrs. Robbins three promissory notes of $1,000 each, payable one, two and three years hence respectively for the remaining $3,000. These notes are to bear six per cent interest. He also ordered Mr. Robbins to pay Mrs. Robbins' attorney's fee of $100.

Want Data From Omaha For Government Census

The United States Census department in getting ready for taking the 1920 census indicates that Omaha is to be recognized as one of the important industrial centers of the country.

Samuel Rogers, director of census, has written Director of Publicity Thomas and Industrial Commissioner Gillan of the Chamber of Commerce for data on manufacturing in order that steps may be taken to create an industrial metropolitan zone for census taking purposes.

When the 1910 census was taken, there were but 10 industrial metropolitan zones recognized and created by the department. Since then Omaha has forged to the front in the matter of industrial importance, and now it is considered one of the great business centers of the country.

Nebraska Anti-Drug Law Entirely Ignored, Inquiry Into Situation Reveals

Law Provides That Only After Consultation Between Two Reputable, Licensed Physicians, Drug May be Administered to Addicts—Report Must Be Filed With County Attorney.

With the concentration of the law-enforcing elements of the city and state on the apprehension of bootleggers, it has been pointed out by Omaha physicians and attorneys, that almost no efforts are being made by the police and state agents against the increasing and alarming traffic in morphine and cocaine.

While the police are devoting their almost exclusive attention to chasing liquor automobiles, and while Gus Hyers' state force has ignored completely the growing number of sales of narcotic drugs in Omaha and Nebraska, leading physicians and attorneys express extreme solicitude because of the threatening danger created by this state of affairs.

Nebraska Law More Rigid.

The Nebraska statutes relating to the drug habit and traffic are even more drastic than the federal law known as the Harrison act, it has been pointed out. They are disregarded daily.

The state law provides, as pointed out yesterday by an attorney to a committee of inquiring physicians, cocaine or morphine shall be administered to drug addicts only after consultation on the case between two reputable and licensed physicians and upon their decision, if it is deemed absolutely necessary. The law also provides that the physician administering the drugs shall keep a record of the name and address of the persons to whom the drugs are given, the date administered and form and quantity of the narcotic given. The law specifies also that this record shall be kept in the county for a period of two years, and shall be open for inspection by the state board of pharmacy, state, county and city officers, county attorneys, grand juries and all officers of the law. The law specifically states that a copy of these records shall be filed in the office of the county attorney within five days after the drug has been provided.

Severe Penalty Provided.

Any violation of this statute is taken as a felony and a penalty of imprisonment in the penitentiary for not less than one year nor more than five years, or a fine of not less than $100 nor more than $200, is provided.

It has been the practice of the city authorities and state officials to turn over all cases of violations of the narcotic drug law to the federal authorities, according to those who have interested themselves recently to investigate the situation. The state law has been completely ignored, it is said.

County Attorney Shotwell declared that physicians had made no report to him since he has been in office. It is known that physicians are prescribing cocaine and morphine in great quantities to Omaha addicts, and the statutes are being treated as dead letters. The physicians are making no pretense of reporting such cases to the county attorney, and officers of the law are making no effort to enforce the provisions of the statutes, in spite of the fact that any violation of the law is made a serious felony.

Institution Disregards Law.

Particular attention has been called to the great quantities of "dope" which has been prescribed for the girls at the Detention Home, which is declared to have been done in flagrant violation of the law. The point also was made that the practice is being continued in the Detention Home without regard to the provisions of the law.

County Attorney Shotwell declared he was making an investigation and later would issue a statement as to what action he would take.

In line with the agitation against the drug habit in Omaha, which is being conducted by physicians and attorneys, Dr. Royal S. Copeland, commissioner of health in New York City, sounded a warning several days ago, declaring that prohibition would increase the number of drug addicts, and pointed out that the habit was not confined to the criminal classes. For this reason, he said, the campaign would be rendered doubly difficult.

Each 30th Person an Addict.

"You will find them among lawyers, judges, doctors, in fact every layer of society," he said. "In the underworld of New York you will find 10,000 drug addicts, and every crime of violence committed you may know has been perpetrated by one of them. It is safe to say that in all New York one person in 30 is a victim. During one month one drug store sold 500 ounces of cocaine, enough to send 2,500 people to hell. How the sales are increasing is shown by the fact that last January they were more than in all 1918, and in February they grew to such an extent that the wholesalers had to restrict the retailers in the quantity that could be supplied.

"And, worse than all, there are physicians, members of my own profession, writing from 100 to 200 prescriptions a day at 25 cents a prescription. They should be boiled in oil, and if there is a hell, they should go there and sizzle for eternity."

Organize to Fight Drug.

The dope situation in Chicago is said to have recently towered above the liquor question in danger, and men and women, hundreds of them, who previously were devoting their exclusive efforts to fighting for prohibition of intoxicating liquors, are turning their attention to the drug forming habit.

The health department of Chicago has completed a survey of drug stores, which shows that during the height of the influenza epidemic physicians made widespread use of medicine containing habit forming drugs. In one month the survey shows that 741,825 prescriptions were filled in 946 drug stores. Of these 441,641 were for influenza and pneumonia, and of the latter 104,010 were found to contain narcotics, either opium, opium derivatives, cocaine or choral.

Burglars Ransack Home From Bottom to Top; Get But 11 Cents

Silverware valued at $150 and $50 Liberty bond were stolen from the home of P. J. Dreibus, 1342 South Thirty-fifth avenue, Wednesday night. Entrance was gained through a window.

R. A. McAndles, 1820 North Twenty-second street, reported to the police that while his family was asleep, burglars ransacked his home. Bureau drawers were lying on the floor and the contents scattered about the rooms. Only 11 cents was missing.

Clothes valued at $75 were stolen from A. Riklin, 112 South Fourteenth street. Burglars climbed through a side window.

Widow of Veteran Police Officer Applies for Pension

Mrs. Andrew Fahey, widow of a veteran policeman who died last week, has applied to the city council for a pension. The matter has been referred to the city legal department.

Additions to Firms Awarded Banner In Victory Loan Drive

Additions to the 46 business houses that have been awarded the Chamber of Commerce honor banners for having all of their employes subscribers to the Victory Liberty loan are: Omaha Stove Repair Works, Eldridge Importing company, Omaha Hat company, Merriam and Millard company, Blanchard Grain company; Wells, Abbott and Nieman company, Fisher-Rothschild Grain company, Crowell Elevator company, Crowell Lumber and Grain company, L. V. Nicholas Oil company, E. E. Huntley, Flanley Grain company, Welsh Grain company, Updike Grain company, Trans-Mississippi Grain company, Master Sales company, Miles Standish Manufacturing company, Sebastian Salerno, Mid-West Electric company, Beacon Press, Toledo Scales company, Trimble Brothers, Brinn and Jensen company, Omaha Grocery company, Martin Cott Hat company, Western Jewelry corporation, C. B. Brown company, C. N. Dietz Lumber company, Goodrich Tire company, Marmon and Franklin company, Nebraska Tent and Awning company, Andrew Murphy and Son, U. S. National bank.

United Information Bureau Will Discontinue Office

Owing to the fact that the present location of the United Information bureau, 407 South Thirteenth street, has been rented and that it was almost impossible to get a convenient location for the bureau in the down town district, it has been decided to discontinue the office Saturday.

As much of the work as practical will be transferred to the information booth at the Union station, while part of it will be transferred to the booth now operated by the War Camp Community service, in connection with recruiting office at Fifteenth and Farnam streets.

Wife Granted Divorce and Alimony of $100 a Month

Mrs. Annie Schultz was granted a divorce and $100 a month alimony from her husband, Jordan Schultz by Judge Troup, sitting in divorce court today. The Schultz home is at Twenty-sixth and Taylor street. He is in the employ of the Missouri Pacific railroad company. They were married in Omaha in 1894, and have four children, two of them over age.

HOME LOAN BANK BILL SUBMITTED IS NOT APPROVED

W. R. Adair Returns From Meeting of U. S. League of Loan and Building Association Representatives.

W. R. Adair, secretary of the Omaha Loan and Building association, has just returned from Washington where he attended a meeting of representatives of the United States League of Loan and Building associations. The conference was called to confer on the provisions of attentative draft of a bill for a Federal Home Loan bank.

Mr. Adair reports wide-spread interest in the movement to furnish a service similar to that enjoyed by the commercial banks of the country in their relations with the Federal Reserve association.

In discussing this measure, Mr. Adair said: "The bill as submitted did not meet with the approval of the committee on a number of vital points. The purpose of the bill, as originally proposed, was to do three things, viz:

1. To commend the building and loan business as to its underlying principles and accept methods under state control.

2. To provide for bonds by ascertaining the value of the securities tendered by means of organizations easily formed.

3. To relieve the loan and building associations from taxation.

"The prime object of the bill is to make available through co-operation by the government of more funds for home building throughout the nation.

Title Objected To.

"One of the main objections to the bill as submitted was the title—Federal Home Loan bank. The unanimous opinion of our committee was that the name should be The Federal Building and Loan bank.

"After two days' session in which important changes were made in the bill, it was decided by resolution to leave the matter of putting this bill into shape or making an entirely new bill to a committee of five, composed of Messrs. Kessler, president of the United States league; Haymaker of Ohio, Hennessy of New York and myself, another member to be named by the president.

"This committee will meet again prior to the convention of the United States league in July and present the final report to the league, which will either adopt or reject the report. If favorable, the bill will be reported for introduction in the next regular session of congress.

Consent of Many Bodies.

"I might say," continued Mr. Adair, "that Mr. Haymaker who has had charge of framing the bill, has been in Washington for a number of months, and is one of the ablest loan and building association men in the country. He has already secured consent of the American Federation of Labor, the United States Chamber of Commerce and the National Real Este board to any bill that will prove to be acceptable to the loan and building associations of the country as a whole.

"Nebraska is in a more favorable position to promote a home owning campaign than almost any other section of the country for the reason that we have an abundance of money at low interest rates, while a majority of other sections report a shortage of money and other conditions unfavorable to a building revival.

"A remarkable campaign is being carried on by the United States Department of Labor, information and educational service, which is creating a great demand for new building and loan associations in various sections of the country that are not fortunate enough to have the benefit of these great co-operative institutions."

Burlington Chief Clerk Dies After Long Illness

James E. Kelly, 36 years old, chief clerk to the general manager of the Burlington railroad, died this morning at the home of his father, Philip Kelly, 839 South Twenty-third street, following a lingering illness.

Besides his parents, Mr. Kelly is survived by two brothers, John M. and Philip P. Kelly, and one sister, Miss Margaret Kelly, all of Omaha. The funeral services will be conducted at 8:30 o'clock tomorrow morning at the residence and at 9 o'clock at St. Peters church. Internment will be in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Omaha District for Navy Recruits Again Leads Middle West

The Omaha district of the United States navy recruiting service last week again surpassed all district stations of the middle west and this week leads St. Louis, Detroit, Peoria and Des Moines. This is the third time within two months that the Omaha district took the lead.

The local navy recruiting station in the Paxton block will be moved at the termination of the naval fiscal year to the federal building. The station has commissioned a motor car with a side-car attachment to be used in errand service.

The end of this month will see some changes in the personnel of the local recruiting office.

Chief Yeoman F. J. Ross, the chief petty officer of the district, leaves Omaha in a few days on a 30 days leave and will later report to the Philadelphia navy yard for active sea duty. Chief Yoeman Ross has seen more than 10 years of service in the navy and was in charge of the clerical work of the local district for the past two years.

Chief Yeomanette Sady B. Anderson will go on inactive duty April 30 and will leave for Seattle, Wash., to which city her parents recently moved.

Chief Watertender Charles Wagner has been transferred to the local navy station. Chief Wagner has been in the navy for over a dozen years.

Music of Spring Is on New Victor Records Just Now

Music that invites the feet to trip the "light fantastic" these gladsome spring days, played by dance orchestras, has been produced by Victor records for the month of May. Two medley fox-trots, on a new Victor record includes "The Tune You Can't Forget," "Any Kind of a Man," and "Keep on Smiling"—all lively tunes that keep the feet active.

On the other side of the record the second fox-trot includes "Chong," and "By the Campfire," with a vocal solo in the chorus. A tender little song, optimistic in spirit, is sung by Reinald Werrenrath on a new Victor record—"After All." It is the song of one who finds traces of tears in his sweetheart's eyes, and offers consolation that is hard to resist. A number of other popular numbers are offered for May, which are sure to appeal to all.

For the lovers of classical music, Caruso, Homer and Journet, an all-star trio, sing Aria from Samson and Dalila, and Galli-Curci as Violetta, sings one of the loveliest airs in Traviata. Many other numbers have been produced by really great artists, which will satisfy the craving of music lovers for the best procurable. Rliveffl ffl ,.:12345894504

Detectives Chase 3 Burglars Who Make Escape In Automobile

Detectives in one of the new emergency cars pursued three burglars driving a Ford through alleys and side streets as far as Dundee at 1 o'clock yesterday morning.

The burglars had looted the Royal Drug store, Nineteenth and Harney streets, and were seen by a guest in the Elms hotel to escape in a Ford. More than $100 worth of cigars, candy and manicure sets was stolen.

A rear door was broken with a crowbar. Detectives took up the chase at Twenty-fourth and Harney streets, from where a "tip" was telephoned to the police that a "recklessly driven car was speeding west through an alley."

The chase was lost in Dundee. No shots were fired. One of the burglars was described as wearing a soldier's uniform.

Practically All Yankee Troops Are Out of Italy

Paris, April 24.—(By the Associated Press).—American army officers here say there are virtually no American troops left in Italy, excepting a few railroad transport officers and military police.

Police Say Man Made Canvass From House to House to Sell Whisky

Police are asking how many residents of Dundee bought whisky on the sly Wednesday night.

Detectives arrested F. Cascio, salesman, 409 Williams street, just after he had left the home of James C. Chadwick, 116 South Forty-ninth street, to whom he tried to sell "oodles of booze for five bucks per." He was making a house-to-house canvass of Dundee, detectives said.

The source of liquor supply was traced to home of Louis Lango, 417 Williams street, where 114 pints were taken in raid by Sergeant Thestrup and morals squad detectives. In police court this morning, the hearing was continued until Friday.

Cascio was arrested when detectives followed him from the Chadwick home. He tried to sell the officers whisky, they said.

Suspend Dividend

New York, April 24.—The Greene Cananea Copper company today announced the suspension of its quarterly dividend due at this time. The company three months ago declared a dividend of $1.50 a share and six months a go $2 a share.

POLICE AUCTION SALE

In accordance with the provisions of the Statutes of Nebraska, I will sell at Public Auction at the Police Court Room, Eleventh and Dodge Streets, in the City of Omaha, State of Nebraska, at 1 P. M. Thursday, May 22, 1919, all unclaimed personal property which may have been in the possession of the Police Magistrate or Chief of Police six months prior to said date.

This sale includes all kinds of goods, such as cutlery, bicycles, harness, watches, dress goods, clothing, trunks, grips and revolvers; also one Ford automobile. All sold without reserve to the highest cash bidders.

M. EBERSTEIN, Chief of Police.