

POLICE TO TAKE INSTRUCTION IN RESUSCITATION

After Six Deaths by Drowning Due to Official Negligence Policemen Practice Life Saving.

After six deaths by drowning this season in Omaha, directly chargeable to members of the police department and city physicians, who failed to exercise the proper precaution and efforts to resuscitate the victims...

Chief Eberstein made no reference in his order as to whether or not a city physician would be required to remain at the station to respond to emergency calls.

No Physicians Ready. In each drowning case this season the victim's death to an extent has been due to the fact that there was no city physician at the station...

The city physicians who are charged with the duty of holding themselves in readiness at the station either have been looking after their private practice or attending to their personal affairs when called to go out on a drowning case.

Despite the protests that have been registered on this account, Police Commissioner Ringer has failed to issue orders requiring physicians to remain at the police station.

In each drowning case this season in Omaha the city physician was an hour late in arriving on the scene.

Mr. Ringer has declared he would not have the city pulmonologist repaired, because, he declared, it was useless.

Don't Give Up. Dr. Edstrom told the policemen never to give up working on a person rescued from the water until a half hour at least had been devoted to reviving the victim.

Dr. Edstrom made no reference to the necessity of responding promptly when a distress call is received.

While Chief Eberstein does not make any reference to the neglect and carelessness with which the police and city physicians heretofore have treated victims of the water, his orders that the men be given a course of instruction in the art of resuscitation is taken as an acknowledgment on the part of Commissioner Ringer that his men have been grossly inefficient.

Promptness Is Necessary. Attention has been called to the fact, however, that no lecture courses will avail anything if city physicians and policemen are kept at the police station to respond promptly to emergency calls.

When John Redin died several days ago following an accidental plunge into his cistern, he lived for more than an hour after he was rescued from the water.

In response to a half dozen calls for assistance at the police station, members of the family were told there was no physician available and there

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were no policemen at the station to send on the call.

Two policemen arrived on the scene an hour after Redin was taken from the water. They made no effort to resuscitate the man, witnesses declared.

Four Whites Arrested With Four Negroes in Raid by Morals Squad

"Frisco Pete," family name Henry Wegsorth, walked into the hands of the police early this morning with two sacks of whisky over his shoulders.

The morals squad was conducting a raid at 2852 Binney street when some one trudging up the back stairs. Detective Fred Palmtag turned out the kitchen lights.

The "truder" came in with a grunt swung two large sacks of whisky from his shoulders to the floor.

"Hello, Frisco," greeted Palmtag. Wegsorth was charged with illegal possession and transportation of liquor.

Two stylishly attired young white women and two young white men were taken in the raid, together with three colored men and a colored woman.

The white women said they were Belle Orme and Dorothy Stump of the El Beador apartments, Eighteenth and Dodge streets. Both are hairdressers.

The white men said they were L. G. Beebe and W. Alwine of the El Beador apartments. The girls were released on \$100 cash bonds furnished by the men and the men were released on \$25 cash bonds.

All four were charged with being inmates of an ill-governed house. The three negro men are: J. B. Lewis, 1404 North Nineteenth street; J. Robinson, Halifax, Canada; and Richard Delrue, Council Bluffs.

Gertrude Cotton, colored, was arrested as the keeper of an ill-governed house.

Scottish Mexican Oil Company Taken by Carranza Decree

Washington, July 11.—Confiscation by the Mexican government of the property of the Scottish-Mexican oil company, a British company with several American stockholders—the first actual confiscation under the Carranza decrees, which have been the subjects of protests from Great Britain, Holland, France and the United States—was reported Friday to the State department.

The property of the Scottish-Mexican company, it was said, now being operated by Mexicans who have brought in a 30,000-barrel oil well on the land.

The British government, it was learned, has taken up the matter of seizure with the Mexican government and has advised the company pending action to continue to fill its obligations under Mexican law.

The land on which the company operated, according to company officials, was leased in 1910, conforming in every way with the law of Mexico.

WITNESS TELLS NEW STORY AT EMERSON TRIAL

Assistant in Undertaking Establishment Gives Different Version of Murder Than at Inquest.

Mt. Air, Ia., July 11.—(Special Telegram).—Walter Matlock, embalmer at the Emerson undertaking establishment and chief witness for the state in the attempt to prove Roy Emerson guilty of the murder of his mother, Mrs. Kate Emerson, was on the witness stand the greater part of today.

His testimony varied from his statements before the coroner's jury and he was subjected to a severe cross-examination by the defense. On redirect examination he testified that a few days before Mrs. Emerson's death in speaking about the constant quarreling between mother and son he suggested to Roy Emerson that it would be a good idea for either he or his mother to buy the business.

"I will have the business and won't buy it either," he testified Emerson said.

Matlock answered, "yes," to the question "were you present when Emerson straightened the body of his mother from its position on the elevator platform immediately after its discovery?" He testified positively yesterday that neither he nor Emerson touched the body until after the arrival of Dr. Coakley.

Another major point on which difference of testimony appeared was in regard to summoning of Dr. Coakley. Yesterday, Matlock testified that he remained with Emerson beside the body, calling to Hoffman, who was just outside the morgue, to summon a physician. At the inquest he testified to having gone back to where Hoffman was standing and there told him to bring Dr. Coakley and upon his return found Emerson standing over the body of his mother.

Mrs. Emerson Melancholy. In reference to a blood-soaked rag that was found in a barrel of waste paper in the workshop on the second floor of the building Matlock answered, "yes," at the inquest to the question, "Did you see Emerson wipe his shoes with this rag?"

Cross-examination developed the fact that Mrs. Emerson was quite melancholy at times following the death of her husband last January, and that a few days previous to the tragedy Matlock took her to the cemetery to visit her husband's grave. Upon returning to the Emerson building, she said to her dog, to which she was accustomed to talk, "You and I will soon be out there with Daddy."

Attorney Maxwell intimated that Matlock was over-zealous in the prosecution of the case, and asked the jury if he had not on occasions while talking with other witnesses referred to the prosecution as "our side." The witness denied making statements of this kind.

Shortly before court adjourned for the noon recess, cross-examination was completed and County Attorney Carroll began re-examination of the witness. The purpose of the re-examination was to account for differences in present testimony of witness and that which he gave at the inquest. A legal battle immediately began between the two attorneys, which was continued in preventing the witness making any explanation of differences.

A few questions and answers that got before the jury tended to show that Emerson was at liberty at the time of the inquest and that Matlock feared him.

Francis Devoe, bookkeeper for Dr. J. W. Coakley, testified that she saw Mrs. Emerson when she came to the office at 2 p. m. and at 3:30 p. m. she saw Roy Emerson. At 5:15 p. m. she testified Wm. Hoffmann, an Emerson employee, called for a doctor and Dr. Orlo Coakley responded. She accompanied the doctor and when they reached the foot of the elevator shaft found Dr. J. W. Soakley, Matlock and Roy Emerson.

Find Bloody Rag. She said she left the room to telephone to Roy Emerson's wife and when she returned the men were all gone. She called to Matlock who was in the workshop with Dr. J. W. Coakley and followed them upstairs where blood was seen on the floor and they conducted an examination, arriving at the conclusion that the body had been dragged to the elevator shaft.

She said she later went upstairs with Dr. Orlo Coakley and found the floor mopped up and they found a bloody rag hidden in a waste basket. A withering cross examination failed to shake her testimony.

Dr. Orlo Coakley corroborated the statements of the previous witnesses and told of his visit to Roy Emerson's apartments on the night of Mrs. Emerson's death. He said he was invited to the apartment by Roy Emerson.

He testified that he told Emerson of finding the bloody rags and that he replied, "I guess I slopped over when I wiped mother's face with the rag."

Weakens His Testimony. The cross-examination weakened his testimony when he failed to remember any other incident that occurred on the day of Mrs. Emerson's death. He denied being drunk when he visited the Emerson apartment.

William Hoffman, employee of the Emersons, was on the stand when the court adjourned. He corroborated the statements of the other witnesses. A few days before Mrs. Emerson's death he told of talking with Roy Emerson about his differences with his mother. He testified that Emerson said, "Sit easy in the boat, things will soon be all right."

Attorneys for the state expect to finish the introduction of evidence Saturday night.

Official Washington Orders. Washington, July 11.—(Special Telegram).—In direction of the president's First Lieutenant Frank W. Dawson, United States army, retired, in relieving duties at Dubuque college, Dubuque, Ia., and from further active duty, to take effect July 12, First Lieutenant Albert William Christensen, medical corps, is relieved from duty at Camp Dodge, and will proceed to Fort Sheridan Ill.

GENERAL STRIKE IS THREATENED IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Unemployed Demand That Railways Purchase Coal From Mines of Country.

Sydney, N. S. W., July 11.—Threats of a general strike as a protest against the action of the dominion government in permitting the Canadian National railways to purchase coal in West Virginia, while Nova Scotian miners are out of work, were made at a mass meeting of unemployed at Sydney mines Friday.

In connection with the fact that Nova Scotian miners are now working but half time, D. A. Cameron, M. P., issued a statement in which he said the situation might be laid to three causes:

First, commanding by the imperial government of vessels used in the St. Lawrence coal trade, even though he contended present freight rates would be prohibitive.

Second, increased freight rates charged by the Canadian National railways.

Third, the fact that cost of coal at the pit mouth in Nova Scotia exceeded the cost of American coal delivered even as far east as Montreal or Campbellton, N. B.

Condition of Highways

Condition of the principal highways passing through Omaha are reported by the Omaha Automobile club as follows:

Lincoln Highway, East—Roads fair to good.

Lincoln Highway, West—Roads fair to good to Kearney and improvement is being made. Reported west to North Platte. Some detouring from Elm Creek, crossing Platte river and taking hard sand road to bridge crossing into Lexington.

O-L-D, West—Road fair to good, with improvements going on around Ashland bridge. Louisville bridge-way reported fair to good.

White Pole, West—Roads fair to good. Roads changed near Des Moines, jogging up north to Adel on the River to River. Fifteen miles east of Des Moines reported rough.

River to River Road, East—Fair to good.

Blue Grass, East—Roads fair to good at Creston; Creston-Ottumwa, some rough stretches; Ottumwa to Burlington, good.

Black Diamond, East—From Des Moines reported good, cutting about 30 miles between Des Moines and Iowa City. Well marked, eliminating many railroad crossings.

Okoboji Route, North—From Denison, reported fair to good. Some road work, but not necessitating detours.

King Trail, North—Rain at Sioux City, showers, threatening. Roads fair to good. King trail, south, fair to good.

Washington Highway—Take lower road between Herman and Tekamah.

Flyer Meets Death While Testing Out Parachutes

Dayton, O., July 11.—Lt. Frank S. Caldwell, Belfast, Ireland, member of the British royal air forces, was killed Friday afternoon at McCook field, in a 700-foot fall from an airplane. Lieutenant Caldwell came here to make a series of tests of parachutes used in connection with air mines, and during the afternoon made several successful descents. In his final flight the ropes attached to his body harness snapped under his weight before the envelope could open.

Lieutenant Caldwell spent four and one-half years on the front in France.

Peddlers Sell Spoiled Fruit.

The health department reports complaints received from householders who were imposed on by peddlers selling spoiled fruit.

Harry Silverman, chief clerk of the department, explained that an investigation disclosed the fact that certain commission men picked out fruit from lots that had been condemned and then sold the over-ripe fruit to peddlers.

TEUTON RADICAL LEADER CLEARED OF HIGH TREASON

Startling Disclosures Regarding Political Intrigues Made by Georg Ledebour at His Trial.

(By Universal Service.) Berlin, July 11.—A sensational high treason trial has just come to its close here with the acquittal of Georg Ledebour, the independent (Spartacan) leader. It was held—perhaps purposely so—in the midst of the death woes of the German empire.

Newspaper accounts of the startling disclosures at this trial were overshadowed by the question of signing or not signing and by the government charges.

Yet, what the defendant, Ledebour, said on the witness stand, defying any and all to disprove him, gave the most remarkable insight into the silent drama that preceded the German revolution, and into the political intrigues—"game of duplicity"—Ledebour called it—that followed it.

This man, whose life hung on a thread, who faced execution as a traitor, hurled the charge of treason back into the face of the highest official in the land—Friedrich Ebert. He flung at the president's right-hand man, Philip Scheidemann, counter charges of the gravest sort and called him a political juggler, a "double crosser" and a sneaking selfish coward and intriguer.

Tells of Revolt. He told, with a frankness that was challenging, his own part in the 10 months' secret preparations for the revolt of last November, told how he had been one of the moving spirits behind the brewing, boiling unrest in the "home front," while the German armies in the west were plunging from one victory to another, until the cave-in at home dragged down with it the morale of the fighting men on foreign soil.

And yet he was acquitted. Ledebour's eloquent speech in his own defense reached its climax

Claims for Wage Increase From Last July Turned Down

Spokane, Wash., July 11.—Claims of 375 employees of the Spokane and International and Empire Railway company for wage increases from July, 1918, to January, 1919, were disallowed in the findings of a special master in chancery filed in U. S. States district court here.

Contentions of the employees were based on an alleged agreement by the company, during the time it was leased the concern was under the control of the federal railroad administration, to pay the increased wages granted federally controlled railroads.

"Take-Over Hostess." London.—The "take-over" hostess is becoming a fixture in society. Gala events are so numerous that leading women do not cancel their own functions when unable to attend, but instead engage a "take-over" hostess to do the honors.

Hog Record Established When Top Sells for \$22.25

Average hogs are selling on the Omaha market for what was a record price the first days of this week, while a new record was established yesterday, when three loads of hogs sold for \$22.25. This is an advance of 15 cents over Thursday's record. The bulk of the hogs today sold for between \$21.60 and \$22.00. Stockmen anticipate further advances, basing their opinion on the demand for export purposes.

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The Weather. Local Comparative Record. Highest Friday, 85. Lowest Friday, 55. Mean temperature, 72. Precipitation, .19. Temperature and precipitation departures from stations at 2 p. m. Normal temperature, 76 degrees. Total excess since March 1, 186 degrees. Normal precipitation, 13.13 inches. Deficiency for the day, .13 inch. Total prec. since March 1, 12.71 inches. Deficiency since March 1, 1.42 inches. Deficiency for corresponding period in 1917, 1.82 inches. Excess for corresponding period in 1918, .40 inch. Reports from stations at 2 p. m. Station and state Temp. High Prec. Weather. Cheyenne, cloudy, 80, 80. Davenport, clear, 82, 82. Denver, cloudy, 80, 80. Des Moines, clear, 84, 84. Lincoln, clear, 80, 80. North Platte, clear, 80, 80. Omaha, clear, 80, 80. Pueblo, partly cloudy, 84, 80. Santa Fe, cloudy, 78, 80. Sheridan, cloudy, 80, 80. Sioux City, clear, 84, 84. Valentine, partly cloudy, 80, 80. *Indices trace precipitation. L. A. WELSH, Meteorologist.

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