

### RINGER RUSHES TO DEFENSE OF POLICE CHIEF

#### Commissioner Makes Quick Change of Front in Effort to "Hush Up" Eberstein.

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who is not ready to give the use of his name, yesterday stated that he will insist upon the appearance of the chief if the latter should be asked to resign.

"There has been some talk that the chief has been hampered by the petty interference of the police commissioner, and we should know whether that is true," said this city commissioner.

**May "Tell Things."**

It is no secret that the chief has confided to some of his friends that he will have "something to say" if the occasion is forced upon him.

When Chief Eberstein was formally appointed by the city council, September 3, 1918, it was expressly announced by the council chamber, and it was understood, that the new chief was to be given full authority in police administration matters; that he would be held responsible for the department.

"Has he been required to take instructions from someone other than Mr. Ringer?" asked the city commissioner who is following this situation closely.

"I have had to take a whole lot from that man," are words which have been attributed to Chief Eberstein by one of his friends, but under present conditions the correctness of that statement cannot be verified.

**Matter Not Discussed.**

The proposed removal of the chief and the rumored transfer of Commissioner Ringer to another

city department were not brought up in the city council meeting yesterday. None of the city commissioners would discuss the matter beyond what they already have stated. Acting Mayor Ure's lips yesterday were sealed when he was questioned on this phase of the local situation.

A citizen, more or less jokingly, yesterday morning asked Commissioner Ringer if he intended to resign, whereupon Mr. Ringer intimated that there was as much reason for his questioner resigning from his position as there was for himself resigning.

**Denies Ringer's Statement.**

He denied absolutely statements said to have been made by Commissioner Dean Ringer to Governor McKelvie that Ringer had told him he had full power to handle the situation.

"I had no direct word or order from either Commissioner Ringer or Mayor Smith," said the chief. "I worked with Sheriff Clark all the way through and did everything in my power to save the building. Not a living man could have gone up the stairway. I made regular trips through the building to see that all my men were at their posts and found each man doing his best."

"Two of my men told me at 9:30 or 10 o'clock how we could get the negro out of the building and I immediately took the matter up with Sheriff Clark, Mayor Smith and Commissioner Ringer. The mayor did not say a word. Ringer looked to the sheriff. Clark was afraid to risk it."

**Says Escape Planned.**

"My men told me we could take the negro down the dummy shaft, load him into a fast car and get him away from the scene. They proposed taking him out of the Eighth street side of the building. At that time there were but very few people on the west side of the building and we could have worked it all right, I thought."

A number of Chief Eberstein's friends and advisers have taken the stand that if the chief has to go will Commissioner Ringer. In other words, they will not see him made the goat in order to save Mr. Ringer.

### D'Annunzio Won't Give Up Fiume to Wilson

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we are resolved to translate it into action if necessary. Parliamentary and diplomatic intrigues and bargaining do not concern us. We are resolved to remain part of Italy. Whoever intends to wrench Fiume from Italy—and I include every possible combination of powers—must first come here and annihilate the defenders.

**Caught in Own Net.**

Official Italy is caught in the net of her diplomatists. It is for the government to extricate it if it can. As for us, we are the creatures of our own audacity and our own faith, and we are not called upon to assume the blame—let them look to that.

Our duty was discharged when we occupied this Italian city, abandoned by the Italian government, and when we pulled down from the governor's palace, in which I am now sitting, every flag except the Italian.

Our duty is now simple and clear: Until the day when the Italian government sees fit to come and accept from our hands the tri-color which the people of Fiume have re-baptized with their faith; until the Italian government sends troops to take our places here, we shall remain, despite every entreaty and every threat.

**Courage as High as Ever.**

It is 25 days today since the beginning of the blockade, but the courage of Fiume is just as high as ever. We are tired of listening to proposals of compromise. We have had too much of that in the last ten months at Paris.

To separate Fiume from the port and railway would be treason. We are no traitors.

Our action at Fiume was the first revolt against the dictators who bartered peoples and provinces at Paris in direct contravention of one of President Wilson's famous points.

The plutocrats dominating the league of nations had better understand that now. Otherwise worse will follow.

### Complete Plans for Grand Jury Riot Probe

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torneys is now sifting and compiling the evidence in each case.

Evidence consists of testimony of eye witnesses, statements contained in hundreds of letters both signed and unsigned, pictures of alleged rioters clipped from newspapers, original photographs, alleged license numbers of cars that were active during the rioting, and many other things.

All prisoners are still held without bail by the military authorities.

Following the grand jury indictments will be fixed and the indicted persons who can furnish the bail will be released from jail pending their trials.

**Six More Men Arrested in Roundup of Riot Suspects**

Kenneth J. Coates, aged 18, and William Robinson, 19, of Chicago, Ill., were arrested yesterday in Havelock, Neb., by City Detective Ben Danbaum and brought to Omaha to face the grand jury probing the Omaha riot.

According to the local police, one of the pair asserted to a girl friend that he was one of the crowd who placed the rope about the neck of Mayor E. P. Smith during the riot.

Both denied yesterday that they had made such a statement and asserted that they took no part in the disorder here.

John O'Connor of Chicago, and a man giving his name as John Masinger, of Sampson, Ala., will be held for investigation. Detectives arrested these two men at the instigation of the investigating committee at the city hall.

The men will say nothing with regard to their alleged connection with the riot, but detectives state that they were seen to enter the court house during the disturbance.

George Staley, 4827 South Twenty-fourth street, and William Wolfe, 3103 W street, were booked at the South Side jail for investigation in connection with the riot.

### NEGRO HELD ON FIRST DEGREE MURDER CHARGE

#### His Sister Killed Husband and His Victim's Mother Was Slain in Brawl Four Years Ago.

A coroner's jury Tuesday held John Russell, negro, for first degree murder for the killing of his sweetheart, Leona Peterson, in Council Bluffs Monday night. He is now in the steel cylinder in the county jail and will be held there without bail until his trial in the district court.

The Peterson girl lived with her step-father, J. O. Wilson, 405 North Eleventh street, where the shooting took place. Wilson's wife told the jury that Russell came to the house Saturday night intoxicated and threatened to kill his sweetheart, murder all the family, and then kill himself with the last cartridge.

They gave little attention to his remarks; his mental attitude to his intoxicated condition. She denied Russell's charge that the girl had been flirting with Clyde Gilbert, Nogales soldier, here on furlough.

The revolver from which Russell fired the five shots into the girl was placed in evidence. It was a .38-caliber with a seven-inch barrel. The thing was so "rickety" that it nearly fell to pieces. The cylinder and trigger dropped off.

Tragedy has stalked in the Russell and Peterson families. The Peterson girl's mother, Minnie Impster, was murdered by another negro during a brawl in Omaha four years ago. The perpetrator never was found, but it was believed generally that a negro known as "Hayti" committed the deed. She was a woman of striking physique, tall and with fiery red hair.

Six years ago Russell's sister shot and killed her husband during a quarrel at their home, 1118 Avenue C. She became a raving maniac while in police custody and finally committed suicide by poison two years after the homicide.

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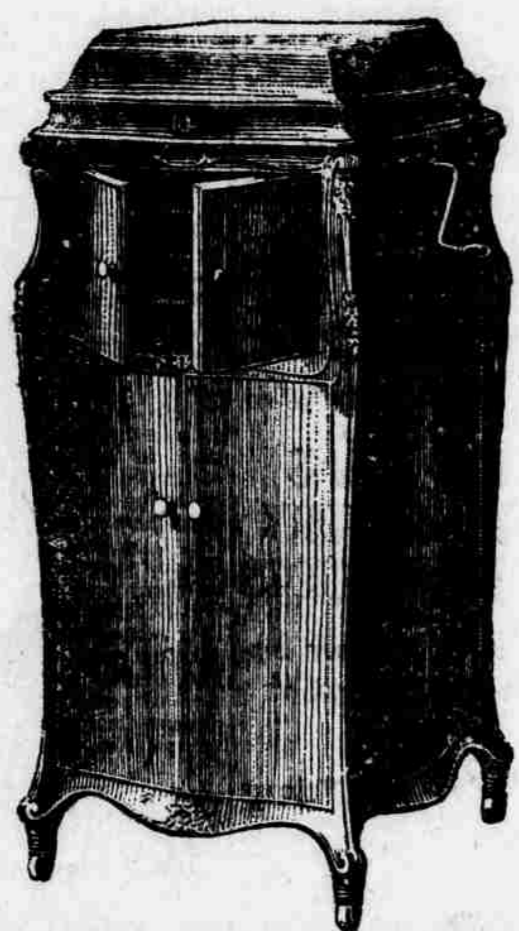
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### American Legion Delegates to Convention Instructed

A mass meeting of members of the American Legion was held last night in the council chamber of the city hall. About 100 members were present. President Allan Tukey was chairman.

Instructions were given to the Omaha delegates to the state convention regarding their votes on bonuses, land bills and other matters to be brought up at the convention.

The state convention will be held in Omaha October 10 and 11 and hundreds of delegates from all parts of the state are expected.

### Removal of Troops Not Due to Situation at Gary

Col. J. E. Morris, commanding officer in charge of the United States army detachments here on riot duty yesterday stated that insofar as he knew the removal of Camp Grant and Camp Funston troops from Omaha Monday had no connection with the situation at Gary, Ind.

"The rolling stock was on track here and the railroad administration was urging movement of the cars, so we obtained authority for entraining these troops one day earlier than the original orders called for," said the colonel.

### Victor Artists' Concert Pleases Large Audience

A large attendance enjoyed the program offered by the eight Victor artists at the Auditorium last night.

Billy Murray opened with an introduction which at once broke the ice between the audience and entertainers and his announcements throughout the evening were generously applauded.

Henry Burr brought tears to the eyes of his listeners by his songs and readings.

Everyone present was hearty in praise of the affair.

### Boy Struck by Auto Suffers Severe Injuries

Richard Lyceck, 10 years old, 320 North Twenty-sixth street, a newsboy, suffered a broken right wrist and various bruises on his head and back at 6 yesterday evening when run down at Twenty-third and Farnam streets by a jitney automobile driven by Morris Platt, 1837 North Nineteenth street. Lyceck was taken to Ford hospital by a passing autoist. Platt surrendered at central police station and was booked for reckless driving. He was later released on \$500 bond.

### Fails to Find Husband and Faints in Street

Mrs. D. Giles of Opportunity, Neb., fainted from exhaustion at 11 last night at the corner of Fourteenth and Douglas streets after searching Omaha three days for her husband, who was to have met her in Omaha Sunday.

Mrs. Giles was carried into the Fregger-Fox drug store nearby and partially revived by police surgeons. Later she was taken to Hotel Neville in the police patrol. Her condition is serious.

### Emergency Officer Bolar Promoted to Detective

The appointment of Emergency Officer Lloyd Bolar to the position of city detective was announced by the police department yesterday. Patrolman Val Buglewicz will take the position vacated by Bolar.

### Truck Driver Arrested.

A. Dorison, 1314 North Twenty-seventh street, truck driver for the Daily News, was arrested yesterday afternoon and charged with reckless driving when he drove his car into an automobile driven by M. Johnson, 2202 North Nineteenth street, at Sixteenth and Douglas streets. No one was injured.

An Indian inventor has brought out automobile goggles which use no glass and are open directly in front of the eyes, yet afford protection against wind.

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