UNIVERSITY TO BE HELD LIABLE FOR U. S. TRUCKS

Letter From Barrows Stirs War Department—Motors Loaned for Use of Students.

Washington, Oct. 24.—(Special Telegram.) — Brigadier General Drake of the army motor transport service today told the house subcommittee on quartermaster's supplies that the state university will be held responsible for damage caused by exposure to 14 army trucks that it is said have been standing out in the weather on the state fair grounds.

He made the statement in reply to a question put to him by Representative C. F. Schairman of the subcommittee, who had learned through a letter from Lieut. Gov. P. A. Barrows of Nebraska that the army motor trucks were said to be exposed and without proper protection, and were being damaged thereby.

General Drake said the trucks had been sent to the university authorities to be used in the education and training of students.

Admiral Coontz Named Chief of Navy Operation

Washington, Oct. 24.—Nomination of Admiral Coontz to be chief of naval operations was confirmed today by the senate in open session. There was no discussion.

Omaha Dentist Is Honored at Meeting Of National Body

Dr. J. H. Wallace of Omaha was nominated for vice president of the National Dental association, at the annual meeting which is being held at New Orleans. The doctor is a member of the board of education.

Enthusiastic Meeting on the De Valera Reception

At a meeting of the O'Neill Monument association at the Hotel Fontenelle last night resolutions were passed to the effect that, Mayor Smith being ill, a double duty devolves upon the association to make the reception to President De Valera of the Irish republic a grand success.

John L. Donellan and N. J. Convoy were appointed to care for the suffragettes at the Auditorium meeting. Father E. J. Flanagan made an earnest appeal for the co-operation of everyone in working for the reception.

Attending the ceremonies will be five men who were companions of James Connolley during the Omaha street car strike of 1910. Connelley later went to Ireland and became the commander of the Irish army during the Easter week riots in Dublin and later was shot. The five are Teddy Morrow, Claude Hoskins, Patrick Linehan, Ike Kaplin and Charles Lehar. They will have seats on the platform at the Auditorium.

Bulgarian Reply to Peace Terms Received Last Day

Paris, Oct. 24.—Bulgaria's reply to the peace terms of the allied and associated powers were handed to Secretary Dutasta, of the peace conference, this morning. The time limit for the presentation of the reply expired today.

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SAYS HIS STAGE BEAUTY BRIDE TRIED TO DECAMP

Honeymoon Cut Short, Farmer Causes Arrest of Woman He Married After Brief Acquaintance.

Des Moines, Oct. 24.—(Special Telegram.) — David McDermitt, identifying himself as a wealthy farmer of Anita, Ia., today caused the arrest of Mildred Stevens, under circumstances which promise a sensational court case.

Miss Stevens, who is a youthful stage beauty, is said to have met McDermitt for the first time in Omaha a few days ago. The Anita agriculturalist became so enamored of the young woman, that he accompanied her to this city where they were married on Thursday.

After the wedding, McDermitt went on a shopping tour, during which he spent $300 for a trousseau, also handing his bride $65 in cash. He told police that after he had thus bestowed his wealth in liberal manner, she sent him on an errand. When he returned his bride was gone. He grew suspicious and sought police aid. The young actress was arrested at a railroad station.

Mrs. Stevens-McDermitt grew indignant when arrested, threatening a suit for divorce with payment of $10,000 alimony, or an action for false arrest.

Inquiry at the Omaha theaters failed to reveal any information as to the identity of Mildred Stevens.

Husbands Arrested As Wives' Suitcases Excited Suspicion

W. F. Vogel, 2944 Baughman avenue, and H. T. Feiler, 524 South Sixteenth street, both dental mechanics, and their wives were arrested by police yesterday morning charged with illegal possession of liquor. An additional charge of illegal transportation of liquor was placed against Mrs. Vogel and Mrs. Feiler.

Both women had just alighted from an incoming train from St. Louis at the Union station at 9 and were greeted by their husbands, when Policeman S. E. Brown approached them. He had been attracted by the apparent heaviness of two suitcases which they were carrying.

They saw the officer and, after kissing their husbands, made a running exit out of the station door to a taxicab, the police say. The husbands were left with the grips, which were found to contain six quarts of whisky each. The men were booked at the Central police station. An hour later Desk Sergeant Rose telephoned Mrs. Vogel and Mrs. Feiler of the fate of their husbands.

"I'll be right down," each of the women told the desk sergeant. When they arrived in a large red touring car, said to belong to Mr. Vogel, both were charged with illegal possession and transportation of liquor. Their second greeting to their husbands was in the desk sergeant's quarters.

All were released on bonds.

Nubs of News

New York, Oct. 24.—Eric P. Verriell, a former army officer who recently pleaded guilty to having defrauded the government of $62,000, was sentenced in federal court here to six years in the Atlanta penitentiary.

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 24.—Cardinal Mercier, primate of Belgium, was the guest at a dinner given in his honor at the Chamber of Commerce here.

El Paso, Tex., Oct. 24.—Ramon Vaega of Francisco Villa's rebel forces, who has been operating in Chihuahua, has surrendered to Gen. Rodrigo Quevedo at Casas Grandes.

New York, Oct. 24.—A delegation sent to Palestine for educational and relief work by the Anglo-American society reported by cable that they had reached Jerusalem. According to the message, the high cost of living has reached its zenith in the capital of Christianity. Hotels charge a minimum of $100 a week.

Vienna, Oct. 24.—The state government has turned over to Herr Giest of the American Relief administration the entire control of public feeding for the winter.

Buenos Aires, Oct. 24.—A bubonic plague is ravaging in all parts of the territory of Formosa, in the northeastern part of Argentina. The inhabitants are panic-stricken. Medicines are scarce, and the sanitary station, unable to cope with the situation, has asked assistance from the national health department.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Oct. 24.—James Sofianos, a wealthy sheep man of Price, Utah, was brought here on a charge of conspiring to ship a carload of intoxicants into this state from St. Joseph, Mo.

Boston, Oct. 24.—A Mitchell Palmer, attorney general of the United States, demanded the ending of the "vicious circle of higher wages and higher prices" in an address before a cost of living conference at the state house here.

Vienna, Oct. 24.—The police have begun drastic measures to suppress foreign money-lending dealers operating in Vienna. Places where the money dealers gather have been raided by the police, who took several million crowns from the men.

Berne, Oct. 24.—The Swiss government has suspended transportation through Switzerland of Polish and Czecho-Slovaka immigrants returning from America. These immigrants are stopped at the Austrian frontiers in consequence of the lack of coal, and will be forced to remain there as charges of the government.

Gray-Haired Wife Attacks Affinity in Cafe--Local City Officials Save Other Woman

Girl Severely Beaten and Hair Torn Out in Lincoln Hotel Scene—Commissioner Ure, City Attorney Weaver and Attorney J. P. Breen Separate Women, But Deny They Know Principals.

Love for a woman to whom he is not married, intense desire to remain by her side, and the tempestuous disposition of his wife are some of the influences behind a sensational scene in the Victoria hotel at Lincoln Saturday, when City Attorney Frank L. Weaver, City Commissioner Ure and other prominent residents of this city played principal parts.

Two women and a man, an Omahan, his affinity and wife, were ejected from the hotel dining room following the disgraceful scene, which was started when the women engaged in a hair pulling match.

John P. Breen, a well-known Omaha attorney, also engaged actively in the affair.

Every effort was made to keep the affair quiet and news of it only leaked out Thursday.

After being ejected from the hotel the man and his wife departed together in the automobile, which a short while before conveyed the husband and the other woman to the hotel.

The other woman in the case, said to be a stenographer, made her exit through the excited crowd into the hotel office, where she secluded herself in a telephone booth, smoothed out her disarranged hair and ruffled clothing and disappeared through a side entrance.

Though Mr. Weaver, Mr. Ure and Mr. Breen deny they new the man or woman, all three of the men admit they were in the hotel dining room when the women engaged in a fight there. They also admit they helped restore peace among the belligerents.

The Storm Approaches.

Oblivious to the approaching storm, the man was seated at a table in the hotel dining room with his affinity. It was the noon hour and the cafe was crowded. Just a few feet from the couple an Omaha official and Attorney Breen occupied another table. The couple were engaged in earnest conversation.

They did not see the front door open and admit the stately matron with a shock of gray hair and wearing a tailor made suit of blue. There was no indication of the threatening danger except the cold gleam in the woman's eyes. Her head lifted high, she walked rapidly between the long lines of tables. The woman with flashing eyes did not hesitate until she stopped by the side of her husband, who was bending forward to catch something his affinity was saying.

Enraged Wife Screams.

"This is my husband," she fairly screamed.

Every eye in the room was rivited on the trio. The next instant the woman of the gray hair called the girl with her husband a vile name and smacked her face three times. She then seized her by the hair, the girl struggling desperately to release herself. The smaller woman was at the mercy of the superior strength of the woman with the gray hair. The larger woman hissed and her victim begged for help.

The husband was transfixed. He seemed dazed, according to witnesses. He watched the struggling women in wide-eyed wonder. Men and women leaped from their chairs. There were shouts of "Stop them." "She will kill her."

Omaha Officials to Rescue.

At this juncture Attorney Breen and one of the city officials became involved. They seized the larger woman by the arms and shoulders and attempted to force her to release her grasp. The struggle continued for 10 minutes. The woman with gray hair was exhausted. She still was being held by the two men while the smaller woman, who was completely demoralized, attempted to collect herself. The infuriated wife attempted to break from her captors and renew the attack, but she was restrained.

The smaller woman hastened through the door leading to the hotel office. The man and his wife faced each other while the curious guests gathered closer. The woman with the gray hair leaned against the wall and addressed the men and women who witnessed the affair.

"On For Five Years."

"This has been going on for five years," she declared. "I could stand it no longer. My husband is the father of a grown daughter. That was a vile woman he was with and I am determined to break up the affair."

One of the city officials said something to the woman in an undertone. She turned her eyes to her husband, who stepped to her side and said something to her which no one else heard.

Frank McCormick, proprietor of the cafe, made his way through the crowd and approached the man and the woman with the gray hair. He told them quietly they would have to leave the hotel. The couple walked to an automobile in front of the door. The woman took her seat in the car. The man went back into the dining room carrying a woman's handbag. He passed out into the hotel office and gave it to the smaller woman. He spoke briefly in an undertone and returned to the car where his wife was waiting.

Passed Up to Breen.

Asked for a statement concerning the affair, Mr. Ure declared that he was present when the fight took place. He admitted he took part in separating the struggling women. He denied, however, that he knew the principals in the battle. Mr. Ure said he occupied a table in the cafe with Mr. Weaver and Mr. Breen. He said the man and woman were at another table a short distance from where he sat.

"I do not know who they were," he continued, "but Mr. Breen can tell you their names."

Mr. Ure became indignant. His language was most emphatic.

"You had better be careful what you print," he exclaimed. I warn you to be careful."

Mr. Breen denied that he knew any of them. However, he admitted his part in separating the women.

Mr. Weaver also declared he was present, but insisted that he did not know the persons involved. He also asserted that Mr. Breen could give their names.

He admitted he helped separate the man and two women.

Among those who witnessed the fight in the hotel dining room are Carl M. Green, secretary and treasurer of the Victoria Hotel Co.; Elmer D. King, manager of the Lincoln Overland Co.; Mollie Reever, the waitress who served the party, and Frank Card of the Card-Adams Automobile Co.

Mr. Ure and Mr. Weaver registered at the Victoria hotel last Wednesday and checked out the following Saturday immediately after the brawl in the dining room.

Soviet Convenes Dec. 1.

London, Oct. 24.—A bolshevik wireless message received from Moscow says the soviet Parliament will convene December 1.

$2,262 Needed to Keep Family of Five, Is the Government Report

Washington, Oct. 24.—Official estimates for a "health and decency" budget for government clerks place the minimum annual expenses of a family of five at $2,262; an unmarried woman at $1,083 and a single man at $1,000.

These figures were made public today by Dr. Royal Meeker, chief of the bureau of labor statistics, in connection with the investigation of federal salaries by a congressional committee.

The food item in the family budget amounts to $777.93. The clothing bill for the year is put at $513.72, of which the husband is allotted $121.16, the wife $166.46, 11-year-old boy -96.60, the 5-year-old girl $82.50 and the baby (2 years), $47. Housing, fuel and light are placed at $428 and miscellaneous expenses at $546.82, a total of $2,262.47.

The Bee want ads for results.