

BRIEF
RIGHT
REEZY
BITS OF NEWS

MUCH MARRYING
AFFECTS HIS HEALTH.

White Plains, N. Y., Dec. 6.—Much marrying apparently has not agreed with the health of Frank H. Gibson, 52, for when he appeared before Judge Young for sentence as a bigamist, after admitting that he had five wives, he begged for leniency, saying: "I am about half blind and my physical condition is not very good."

"There may be something in your physical makeup to excite sympathy, but your relations with women call for no leniency from the court," said the judge.

Gibson, who admitted he had served a two-year sentence in Pennsylvania for bigamy and five years for mail frauds, was sent to Sing Sing prison for four years and three months.

RENTON EXPECTS TO
HAVE REGULAR TIME.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 6.—Renton, a small town near Seattle, expects to have a regular time. A deputy sheriff went to a cabin above Renton, seized 12 50-gallon barrels of mash used in making "moonshine" whiskey and dumped it into Panther creek. Later they discovered Renton takes his drinking water from the creek and that probably the confiscated mash was carried into the city reservoir.

MUCH DEMAND FOR
EXPENSIVE ARTICLES.

New York, Dec. 6.—The November report on business conditions issued by the federal reserve board had this to say of the retail trade of New York City:

"The carefully compiled reports from several branches of retail trade, made particularly with a view to determine the extent of luxury buying, indicate that never has there been so much spending, such a demand for expensive articles and such disregard of prices."

It is natural that New York City should be a primary market for luxury buying, because people from all parts of the country go to its stores to spend their surplus funds; but reports from many sections of this district indicate that free spending is general, and that the conclusions reached for New York apply elsewhere, in small and large cities alike."

BLAMES ADJOURNMENT
TO OPENING OF HUNTING.

Washington, Dec. 6.—An entirely new reason for the recent adjournment of congress was given on the floor of the senate by Senator Johnson, democrat, South Dakota, in the course of an extended address in defense of the administration and the peace treaty.

"The adjournment of congress was forced," he declared, "because it was the opening of the hunting season and some of the members wanted to go hunting."

ORDER FOR DESTROYERS
PLACED IN BRITAIN.

London, Dec. 6.—London newspapers are hailing as a tribute to British shipbuilding an order by the United States for 20 torpedo boat destroyers from the Samuel White company, at East Coast, England. The destroyers resemble the latest British type, of 1,200 tons, with 28,000 horsepower displacement and a speed of 35 knots. The Pall Mall Gazette vouches for the information that the order has been placed.

COLLEGE WOMEN TURN
DOWN TEACHING FUND.

New York, Dec. 6.—College women are turning from the teaching field and earning much more money in other capacities, according to an investigation in behalf of the Smith college endowment fund.

One college woman founded a tea room in New York City and made \$8,000 last year. A director of the dining service, recently employed by one college, received \$6,000 a year more than the professors are paid.

Many college women are writing for magazines and newspapers. Those trained in chemistry are becoming analysts of commercial companies, many of ability in mathematics are employed as insurance actuaries. Others are nurses and dietitians and many are entering the business world as stenographers. These fields are so remunerative relatively that the ever-increasing proportion of graduates is entering the teaching profession.

It is proposed to use the Smith endowment fund to increase the faculty salaries 50 per cent.

INFIDELITY DURING WAR
BLAMED FOR DIVORCES.

Paris, Dec. 6.—There are now pending in Paris courts thousands of divorce cases. The divorcee is ascribed chiefly to infidelity of husbands or wives during the war and to the wave of "gay life," notably the "jazz" craze.

FINED \$1 EXTRA FOR
NOT KNOWING ENGLISH.

New York, Dec. 6.—Because they could not understand the English language, the fines of two women were doubled.

Mrs. Jennie Rizzo and Mrs. Yette Morman, had been arrested for having unmuzzled dogs. Magistrate Short fined each \$1, but neither could understand. An Italian interpreter was called for Mrs. Rizzo, and it developed that, although she had been in this country 15 years, she could not understand English.

A Hebrew interpreter was called for Mrs. Morman, and she said she had been in this country for 14 years, but could not understand English.

It was then that Magistrate Short imposed an extra \$1 on each.

ALUMNAE PREPARED TO
"HIRE OUT" AS COOKS.

New York, Dec. 6.—Smith college alumnae are prepared to "hire out" as scientific cooks, parlor maids and home decorators in the campaign for \$400,000 which will be launched by their alma mater January 17.

Mrs. Hannah Dunlop Andrews, chairman of the fund committee, has issued a call for a meeting at the Women's University club here when plans for organization in various cities of the "Pique Cook Corps" to "perform housework in a scientific manner" to raise money for the college will be discussed.

OMAHA, THE GATE CITY OF THE WEST, OFFERS YOU GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES.

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"STAND PAT," SAYS BUSHEE

OMAHA HARD
HIT BY COAL
SITUATION

Terminal Committee Announces That City Will Be Called Upon to Make Additional Sacrifices This Week.

DRASTIC CURTAILMENT
IN RAILROAD SERVICE

Far-Reaching Effects of Fuel Famine Impressed Upon Industries and Owners as Supply Here Dwindles.

The terminal coal committee last night announced that it will call upon Omaha this week to make additional sacrifices to meet the exigencies of the coal stringency, explaining that the receipts of coal in Omaha during the last week have not been sufficient to meet even the restricted demand.

"It appears at this time that the receipts of coal for the week will be less than those of the last week," was a statement made by the coal committee in a report issued last night.

The committee was not ready yesterday to state what additional rules and regulations will be necessary to meet the situation, but it indicated that it is apparently essential that greater savings of fuel will have to be observed in homes and industries.

Depend on Wyoming.

Explaining the local situation at the end of the week, in a somewhat concrete manner, the committee stated that the Rock Springs mines, in southern Wyoming, are now producing about 5 per cent of normal production and that Omaha is almost entirely dependent at this time on these coal fields. In the northern or Sheridan coal district three large mines have been closed, resulting last week in only 30 per cent of previous week's production. East-coal, at East Coast, has been reduced to a minimum and nothing is to be expected from the southern fields or through the north from the lake docks.

In its week-end statement last night the coal committee announced: "The committee is counting on the public's voluntary cooperation in this respect. Coal dealers are cognizant of the seriousness of the situation and the committee is redoubting its efforts to insure only necessary distribution. Few cases have been reported in which the committee have indicated any inclination on the part of the public to attempt to obtain coal where a sufficient supply is on hand to meet immediate requirements. Investigation of these cases by the committee's inspectors, with the aid of the police department, have resulted in a rapid readjustment, so as to insure the protection of the public interests."

Other Plants Must Close.

The far-reaching effects of the coal famine was impressed upon nearly every home in Omaha at the close of a depressing week. The effects of the Garfield order, cutting off nonessential industries from coal supplies, already has weighed heavily upon some local plants and others are doomed to temporary closing during the coming week. The effect on the industrial life is considered the most serious phase of the situation.

Retail merchants yesterday made the most of the limited shopping hours between 10 a. m. and 5 p. m., and the result was that the stores were crowded with Christmas shoppers and the usual Saturday rush.

Drastic Rail Curtailments.

Drastic passenger curtailments have been announced on all railroad lines into Omaha, effective at 12:01 a. m. tomorrow. There will be an estimated reduction of one-third of the passenger train service on main and branch lines. The new schedule of the Burlington takes off 70 trains. Union Pacific officials believe that curtailments on their lines will save 500 tons of coal a day. The Overland and Pacific limited trains will be run only in single section and exclusive observation and parlor cars will be taken off. Service between Omaha and Lincoln, Minneapolis and Sioux City has been materially reduced. It is explained by railroad officials that travelers may experience the difficulty of being required to wait for following trains when one train is filled to capacity.

Snow last night and predictions for colder weather today added to the discomforting situation. Snow interfered last night with the limited street car service, conveyed belated home-goers. Omaha has never before presented such a gloomy appearance as was observed last night in the business district, with stores darkened and the electric lights dimmed by the falling snow. The hotels shone out invitingly in the darkened vistas.

Many Families Destitute.

The Visiting Nurse association of Omaha has received reports of destitute families in need of coal. Cases investigated and recommended by this association are being supplied.

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Hitchcock "Presidential Campaign" Is Launched by Firm in Hamburg, Germany

Prominent Business Man of Enemy Seaport Writes Nebraska Senator Praising His Friendly Actions and Advocating Him for Occupant of the White House—President Wilson Flayed and Ridiculed for Conduct During War and Peace Negotiations.

The two following letters tell their own story:

"Dieckmann & Hansen, Hamburg 15, Spaldingstrasse No. 152, November 1, 1919.

"To the Editor of The Omaha Bee, Omaha, Neb., U. S. A.

"Dear Sir: I take pleasure in sending you a copy of a letter which I have just written to Senator Hitchcock. This letter is to be published later on in a volume in which I have addressed myself to various American politicians and publicists. "Since your esteemed journal is mentioned in this letter to the senator, and in view of the fact that the letter deals with something which concerns not only the politicians, but also the people of America, its publication in your columns (possibly with a resume of the senator's speech of 20 years ago) might prove of considerable interest. I am glad to place it at your disposal for this purpose. In the event of its publication I should be obliged for the customary marked copies.

"Faithfully yours,

"FERDINAND HANSEN."

Attacks President Wilson.

"Ferdinand Hansen, Hamburg 15, Spaldingstrasse 152, "To Senator Hitchcock, "Chairman of the United States Senate Committee on Foreign Relations:

"Today, sir, I took up the lengthy verbatim text of the examination of President Wilson upon certain features of the treaty of peace as published in the New York Times of August 20, 1919. The discussion—discussion is the right word—took place in the east room of the White house at 10 o'clock of August 19, under your chairmanship.

"The more important parts of this interlocking had, to be sure, already been cabled to Europe. The answer which Woodrow Wilson gave to Senator McCumby, the United States senator from the Connecticut, that America should have declared war even if Germany had committed no act of war or no act of injustice against our citizens, created a great stir in Germany. It served to destroy the last rag of illusion which the innumerable idealists among this barbarous race still cherished respecting the motives of Woodrow Wilson—illusions, which despite the horrible experiences it had undergone, it can not willingly part with.

Black and White List.

"Once again I felt that deep sense of personal satisfaction, which is too closely related to pain to be petty.

BIGGEST TRAIN
CUT IN HISTORY
OF RAILROADING

Travel Almost Impossible Except on Urgent Business—Will Save 500 Tons Daily.

One of the most extensive curtailments of passenger service in the annals of American railroading will take effect Monday morning at 12:01 o'clock.

Local railroad offices yesterday announced definitely a wholesale cutting affecting Omaha and surrounding territory to the extent of making travel almost impossible except on most important missions.

To further eliminate tourist patronage during the present critical coal shortage, it was announced that every observation and parlor car on every line, except observation cars which contain berths, will be taken off all trains. It is also probable that dining cars will be eliminated from train service, although no definite announcement was made. No reservation for Pullman space will be made more than 48 hours in advance, according to Union Pacific officials.

No Double Sections.

Through trains on the Union Pacific, which have been running in two sections to accommodate heavy tourist travel to the west coast, will be run in single section.

Trains affected on the Union Pacific are Nos. 1 and 2, once known as the Overland Limited; and trains Nos. 19 and 20, identified as the Pacific.

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MORE OPTIMISM
EXPRESSED OVER
COAL SITUATION

Increased Production Noted in Several States—Restrictions Acute.

Chicago, Dec. 6.—Increased production of soft coal in several states, according to Saturday's reports, served to improve the national situation to some extent. More optimistic indications were in evidence among government fuel officials and some operators although Fuel Administrator Garfield emphatically declared he would not countenance any increased wages to miners at the expense of the public.

A number of actions in the way of restrictions and conservation were taken throughout the country, chief among them being announcement of suspension of so-called "luxury" trains running in the south central and northwestern regions, though others had been ordered or were in prospect in the east and south.

Apparently there was no settlement of the strike nearer than in recent days.

The effect upon industry generally

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Pray for Prevention
Of War Between U. S.
And Mexico Today

Laredo, Texas, Dec. 6.—Prayers for prevention of war between the United States and Mexico have been ordered said in all Catholic churches in the archdiocese of Sonora, Mexico, by Archbishop Mora of Del Rio, Sonora, according to the Mexico City newspaper Excelsior.

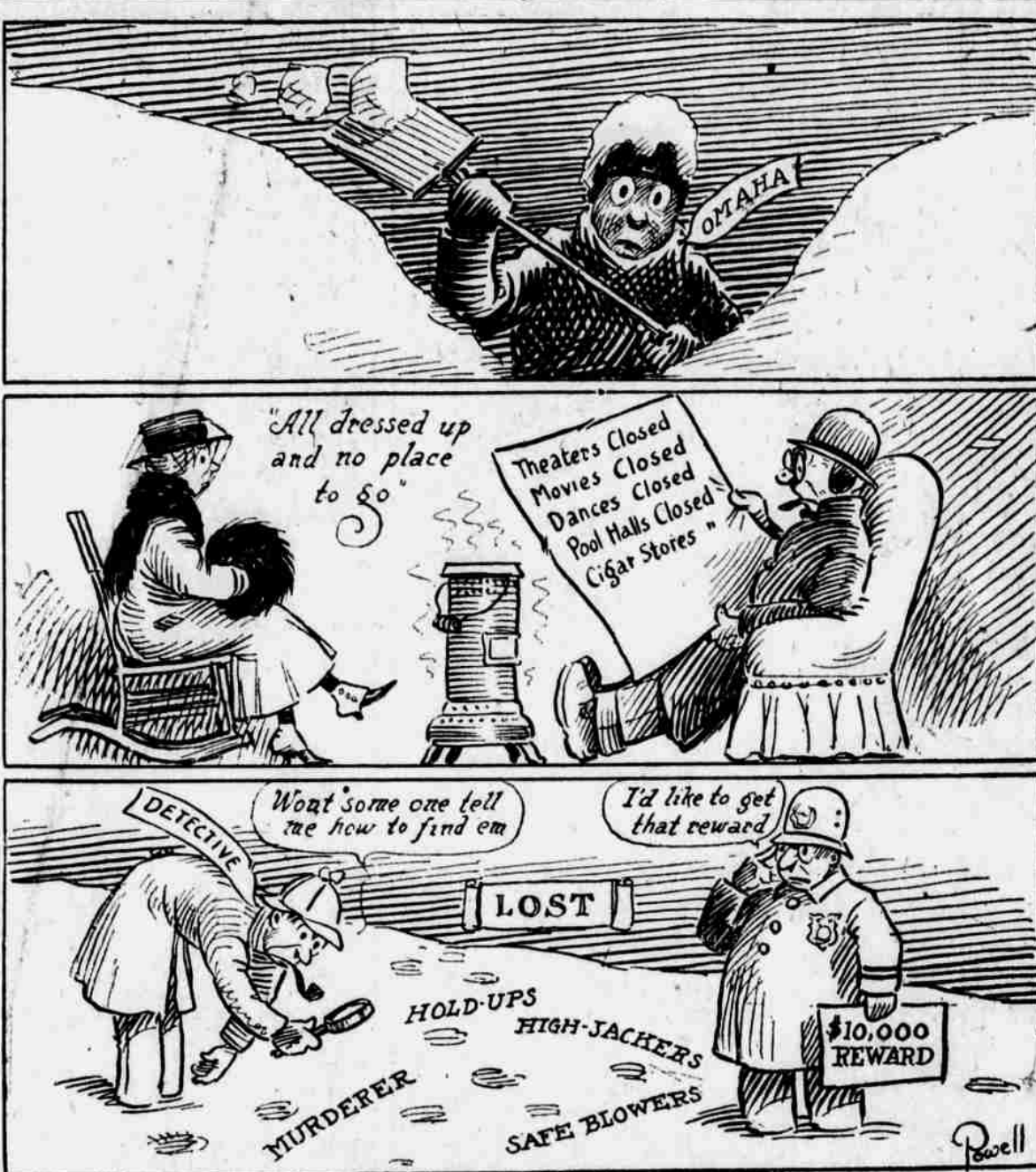
Honor Dr. Ernest Kelly.

New York, Dec. 6.—Dr. Ernest Kelly, Washington, was elected president of the International Association of Milk and Dairy Inspectors which concluded its annual convention here.

Morgan Back From Europe.

New York, Dec. 6.—Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Morgan were among the passengers returning from Europe on the liner Lapland.

The Passing Show



POLICE WOUND
"HIGH-JACKERS"
IN GUN BATTLE

Running Fight Down Q Street Between Police in Emergency Car and Bandits in Ford.

Two bandit "high-jackers" were shot, perhaps fatally, in a running gun battle with the South Side police at Thirteenth and J streets at 10:30 last night.

Both bandits are in St. Joseph hospital, where their condition is reported to be very serious. Little hope is held for the recovery of either.

The wounded:

William Wolf, 25 years old, bandit, 3103 W street, shot in abdomen.

George Peckack, 22 years old, bandit, 3118 Q street, shot in back just below left shoulder blade.

At 10 last night Joe Musiel, 3635 Madison street, reported to the South Side police that two men, driving a Ford touring car, had come to his house, engaged in a brief conversation with him and then searched his home for liquor. On finding no liquor they cursed him and his family, he said, and beat him about the head with guns. Musiel is in a serious condition at his home as a result of the beating.

Hold Up Two Men.

Ten minutes later Charles and Frank Zankas, 3122 Q street, reported that two men answering exactly the description of Musiel's assailants had held them up at Thirty-second and Q streets, a few blocks away from Musiel's home. From

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Gunmen Who Escaped
Policemen Suspected
In Another Robbery

The two gunmen who, Friday night escaped the custody of Police Officer W. F. Cich at Twenty-fourth and Cumming streets, after he had them covered with his revolver, are believed to be the men who last night held up Ernest Small, grocery deliverer, and after forcing him to drive more than a mile, robbed him of \$80.

Small is a delivery boy for Sam Riseman, 2308 Cumming street.

He told the police last night that on leaving a house at Thirty-fifth street and Patrick avenue, after making a delivery, a man with a gun ordered him to drive his truck north.

"Another fellow followed us in a Buick," said Small. "The man with the gun rode on the seat with me. When we got to a lonely spot on Creighton boulevard, the man riding with me told me to stop and took \$80 I had collected during the day. They ordered me to drive south, and they drove north."

The police were inclined to doubt Small's story, until the Buick car the bandits used was in several respects identified as the one used by the two bandits who escaped from Cich Friday.

Proposal of President in
Coal Strike Has Approval
of Heads of Mine Workers

Attorney General Palmer Announces That Agreement Has Been Reached Whereby Lewis Will Recommend to Meeting of Executive Committee of Order Tuesday That Men Accept Offer of Wilson and Return to Work Immediately.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Attorney General Palmer announced after midnight that an agreement was reached between government officials and John L. Lewis, acting president, and William Green, secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers, under which a proposal for termination of the coal strike will be submitted to a meeting of the executive committee of the mine workers at Indianapolis next Tuesday.

Wilson's Proposal.

The proposal, which is not described in the statement, was proposed by President Wilson, "looking to a speedy termination of the strike situation and adjustment of the entire controversy," the statement says. Lewis and Green will urge acceptance of the proposal.

Palmer's statement follows:

"A conference was held at the Department of Justice, in Washington on Saturday, at which were present the attorney general, Mr. Tumulty, secretary to the president, John L. Lewis, acting president and William Green, secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers of America, with a view to reaching an understanding between the government and the miners which would result in a settlement of the coal strike situation."

Definite Proposition.

"At this conference there was submitted a definite, concrete proposition from the president, looking to the speedy termination of the strike situation, and an adjustment of the entire controversy. The officers of the United Mine Workers, in response to the suggestion of the president agreed to, and have called a meeting of the general scale committee, the representatives of all the district organizations and the international executive board of the United Mine Workers, to be held in Indianapolis on Tuesday, December 9, at 2 o'clock p. m., at which time the president's proposal will be considered and its acceptance by the miners urged by Mr. Lewis and Mr. Green. The attorney general will be in Indianapolis on Tuesday."

Complete Surprise.

The announcement came as a complete surprise as government officials had not made known the fact that the union leaders had been called into conference or that new proposals were under consideration. The presence of Lewis and Green in the city was rumored during the day, but could not be confirmed.

The fact that Mr. Palmer talked with President Wilson in the course of the day on the coal situation was known, but no intimation of the nature of the conference was obtainable either from Mr. Palmer, prior to his announcement, or at the White House.

When the announcement was made officials would not comment on the nature of the proposals to be submitted at Indianapolis.

Agreement Assured.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 7.—Ellis Searles, editor of the United Mine Workers' Journal, the official publication of the miners' organization, while praising the ignorance of the proposal submitted to Acting President Lewis and Secretary-Treasurer Green at Washington, predicted that any suggestion which had proved acceptable to those officials would be endorsed by the executive board of the miners' union.

Mother Says Daughter
Found Dead in Trunk
Died in Her Arms

San Francisco, Dec. 6.—A special dispatch to the San Francisco Examiner from Yreka, Cal., quoted United States Marshal, detained by authorities of Siskiyou county, in connection with the discovery at Lawton, Mich., of a body believed to be that of Miss Maud Tabor, as saying that her daughter had died in her arms in Colorado Springs, Colo., of asthma. She was further quoted as saying she was at a loss to understand how the body could have been transported to Lawton or discovered in a trunk beneath a pile of shingles.

Warrants were said by the sheriff to have been telegraphed from Michigan for the arrest of Mrs. Tabor and her son, wanted in connection with the death of Miss Maud Tabor. Sheriff Calkins refused to allow Mrs. Tabor to talk for publication.

Pandolfo Convicted
Of Misuse of Mails;
Associates Acquitted

Chicago, Dec. 6.—S. C. Pandolfo, president of the Pan Motor Co., of St. Cloud, Minn., was found guilty of misuse of the mails on four counts of a federal indictment by a grand jury in the district court here and 12 of his associates in the company were acquitted.

The indictments contained 11 counts, two of which, the sixth and seventh, had been dismissed early in the trial, which began six weeks ago. The jury found Pandolfo guilty on the first, second, third and fifth counts.

"I guess it might have been worse," was Pandolfo's first comment on the verdict.

Carl Cummings, attorney for Pandolfo, secured a stay of sentence from Judge Landis. He made a motion for a new trial and the judge set the hearing on this motion, December 15.

THE WEATHER:

Unsettled Sunday; possibly snow in extreme east portions; Monday fair and colder.

Hourly temperatures:

5 a. m.	28	3 p. m.	24
6 a. m.	28	4 p. m.	24
7 a. m.	28	5 p. m.	23
8 a. m.	28	6 p. m.	23
9 a. m.	28	7 p. m.	22
10 a. m.	28	8 p. m.	22
11 a. m.	28	9 p. m.	21
12 noon	28	10 p. m.	21

KIRK FREED
ON LETTERS
OF OMAHANS

Senator Bushee Says He Signed "Furlough" on Advice Of Former Deputy County Attorney Abbott and Others.

JUDGE SEARS DEMANDS
PROBE BY STATE BAR

Asserts Lawyers Owe it to Public to "Get to Bottom" of Case—Ray J. Abbott Denies Writing Letter to Senator.

Lincoln, Dec. 6.—(Special).—Declining to give out a statement until after he had made a thorough investigation into the matter of the furlough of Beryl Kirk from the state penitentiary on a written order signed by himself September 8, Senator B. K. Bushee of Kimball, who as president protem of the senate, became acting governor in the absence of Gov. S. R. McKelvie in Chicago and Lieut. Gov. P. A. Barrows in Ohio, gave out a statement this afternoon after spending two days in looking into the matter of the furlough.

Recommended Release.

He shows that the release of Kirk was recommended by Ray J. Abbott, attorney of Omaha, who said that he had discovered that Kirk was not present at the time of the robbery of the Malachuk jewelry store and his only connection with the gang which did the shooting which resulted in the death of Officer Rooney, was in allowing them to use his house.

He shows an affidavit from Sheriff Clark, testifying to Kirk's good habits; one from William M. Musgrave of the O. C. B. street railway, and a signed statement from Warden Tanton, giving his belief that if given a chance Kirk would make good.

Fails to Explain.

In his lengthy statement, apparently indicating a thorough understanding of the case and the crime for which Kirk was convicted and put in prison, Senator Bushee fails to explain two points that have greatly mystified the public:

His statement fails to give a reason for the great lapse of time between the date the "furlough" was signed and the date it was presented for Kirk's release.

The release was signed September 8 and was not presented to the prison warden until last Tuesday. The reason for this delay and the fact that the lapse of time might have caused the state to lose its legal right, or the advisability of its not being honored, are not commented upon.

A further point not mentioned concerns the early report from Lincoln to the effect that it was understood that Senator Bushee signed the "furlough" under duress, that Kirk was charged merely with bootlegging, and that he did not understand the conviction was on the serious charge of murder.

Has No Apology to Offer.

Senator Bushee will "stand pat" on his act and has no apology to offer. The statement is as follows:

"For the last two or three days there have been published a number of statements and articles relative to the Kirk case in which I signed a furlough while acting governor. So far no statements have been made of the facts which were before me when I acted and on which my action was based. I feel justified in stating these facts, not as an apology, but that the public may know the full facts in the case."

Case Presented by Devoe.

The Kirk case was presented to me by Peterson & Devoe, who appeared as attorneys for Kirk. They made a statement covering the entire case, together with some letters which I will refer to later herein. I have taken the pains to come to Lincoln to go over the entire situation again and satisfy myself as to the entire case. I had before me a statement of the attorney who prosecuted Kirk in the district court at Omaha, Ray J. Abbott. That letter, which is now in my possession, reads as follows:

"Omaha, Neb., July 24, 1919.

"Hon. Gov. Samuel R. McKelvie.

"My Dear Governor:

"At the time of the trial of Beryl C. Kirk for complicity in the killing of Frank Rooney, I was chief deputy county attorney of Douglas county, Nebraska, and was assigned with L. J. Platt to prosecute all these cases. "Since that time I have learned that Mr. Kirk was not a bootlegger during the afternoon preceding the killing. I have also learned that Mr. Kirk's only connection with this gang was allowing them to use the house at various times, and I do not believe that he knew the purposes for which the meetings were held. I think he should be punished for his part in this affair, but am convinced

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