

# Lincoln Bureau of The Omaha Bee

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## PRaising SOVIET GOVERNMENT NOT CRIME IN STATE

### Advocacy of Force to Change Conditions, However, Held To Be Violation of Syndicalism Act.

Lincoln, Dec. 13.—(Special.)—An opinion that the form of government of some other country is "preferable to the American form," is not a violation of the criminal syndicalism act of the state, according to an opinion by Cecil F. Avery, assistant attorney general. The proposition comes from

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County Attorney J. C. Cook of Dodge county who sets out in his letter that William Kremser of Fremont, in conversation with Rev. E. D. Hull of that city, had said that "My sincere opinion is that the soviet form of government in force in Russia is preferable to our present form of government."

### Opinion in Detail.

The opinion of the assistant attorney general follows: "In answer to your letter of December 10, in regard to the statement of one William Kremser, and asking whether or not it is the opinion of this department that such statement comes within the criminal syndicalism act, will have to say that I do not think that it does. I would have to make this distinction, the soviet form of government in Russia at the present day is a form of government, the same as is a republic or a monarchy."

"Every man is entitled to his own personal beliefs along social, economic and political lines, and is entitled to express his beliefs. However, a man may not lawfully say that he believes that another form of government should be substituted for our form of government by means of force and violence. The fact that a man says that another form of government is preferable to our own does not prove that he believes, or is not a statement that he believes that force, violence or any unlawful methods should be used to change to that form of government. If a majority of the people in the United States desired the soviet form of government, and were to adopt it by perfectly legal and lawful methods, there would be nothing wrong about that, and the fact that it was adopted in Russia, as construed by unlawful methods, does not mean necessarily that a man desires to have that form of government instituted in this country by those same methods, so unless Mr. Kremser says in addition to what he has already said that he further believes that that form of government should be established in the same manner and by the same methods as it was established in Russia, or that he believes force and violence, or bloodshed and revolutions should be used in order to establish it here, I do not believe he is coming within the provisions of the criminal syndicalism law. If advice would be to prosecute him to the limit, but I do not believe he is guilty of a crime on the statement, as you gave it."

### Must Go Further.

"In addition to this the following statement is authorized. It is the attitude of this department not to condone, approve or uphold statements of this kind. On the other hand, we consider them very pernicious, but at the same time a differentiation must be made between expressing a belief that one form of government is preferable to

## Discrimination In Fuel Distribution Charged In Humbolt

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—O. A. Cooper, owner of a flour mill and electric light plant at Humbolt, Neb., has written to H. G. Taylor, fuel administrator for Nebraska, alleging that he is being discriminated against by H. Epley, member of the Humbolt local fuel committee. "He always works against me at village elections in an effort to put in a municipal electric plant, and he is using the present conditions to keep me from obtaining coal," Mr. Cooper wrote in his complaint of Mr. Epley.

Mr. Cooper added that his operations were first cut from a continuous service to 14 hours, then to 12 hours, and that the committee is demanding another cut in his running time. The complainant also alleges that the Humbolt committee told him that if he is not "good" they will see that he gets no more coal.

## Learns Daughter Adopted By Strangers Years Ago

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Ellis Greer of this city discovered that his daughter was adopted years ago by a family at Clyde, Kan., when he wrote county officials of Cloud county, Kansas, asking her present location. It was also learned that Mr. Greer mysteriously disappeared from his home in Concordia, Kan., 24 years ago, and that letters to the Kansas authorities ends a nationwide search by them to ascertain his whereabouts. The authorities stated that when they gave up the search for him, believing him dead, his daughter was adopted by the Clyde family.

## Pershing for President Club at State University

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 13.—(Special Telegram.)—A "Pershing for President" club was formed at the state university this afternoon and the committee in charge of the matter will mail out in a few days several thousand invitations to former students to join in the movement. General Pershing was commandant at the university from 1891 to 1894 and graduated from the law school in 1893. It is hoped to make the movement wide-spread among former graduates.

another, and expressing a belief that criminal methods should be employed to bring about a change of government. "The department is anxious to secure evidence upon which it is possible to have a conviction under the criminal syndicalism act, but more expression of a belief that one form of government is better than another is not sufficient."

## CONSTITUTIONAL MEET ADJOURNS UNTIL MONDAY

### Short Session Receives But Eight New Propositions for Changes in Constitution of Nebraska.

Lincoln, Dec. 13.—(Special.)—The constitutional convention met long enough yesterday to receive eight new proposals for changes in the constitution, running the number up to 103, and then adjourned to meet Monday.

One proposal by Delegate Donahoe of Douglas county would strike out section 25 of the bill of rights, prohibiting any distinction in property rights between citizens and aliens.

Delegate Rodman of Kimball county would convene the legislature to introduce the bills and at the end of 20 days adjourn for one month, after which on reconvening no more bills could be introduced. Delegate Donahoe of Douglas county wants the constitution to contain a provision which would give a voter in any district where more than one candidate is eligible the right to elect either house or senate the right to consolidate all votes for one candidate. The propositions introduced yesterday were as follows:

- No. 96, by Ross—Allows private property to be taken for necessary private use, or for drains, flumes and ditches for agricultural or sanitary purposes, in a manner to be provided by law.
- No. 97, by Norman—Allows \$100 tax exemption on household furniture if owner has no other taxable property.
- No. 98, by Donahoe—Strikes out Section 25 of bill of rights, prohibiting distinction in property rights between citizens and aliens. Prohibits alien ownership of land or interest therein, or holding stock in a corporation or association that owns land for agricultural or industrial purposes. Provides that lands acquired by aliens through inheritance shall be immediately converted, in such manner as may be specified by law.
- No. 99, by Donahoe—Permits legislature to reconsider bills voted by the governor for his signature. If a vetoed bill is not amended, it may be passed over the governor's head by a three-fifths (two thirds) vote of each chamber. If one body fails to re-pass it, the bill will then be submitted to popular vote under the referendum.
- Cumulative Voting.
- No. 100, by Rodman—Adopts California plan for split sessions of the legislature. Provides that after the first 20 days allowed for introduction of bills, the legislature shall recess for at least one month, and upon its re-assembling no more bills shall be introduced.
- No. 101, by Donahoe—Allows cumulative voting in senatorial and representative districts where more than one candidate is to be elected. Instead of voting for two, three or more candidates, an elector may give all his votes to one candidate, or distribute them as he may desire.
- No. 102, by Tyler—Gives county court authority to impose both fine and imprisonment, where statute provides for either.
- No. 103, by Tyler—Confers similar authority on justices of the peace.

## Beatrice Man Takes Leading Part Against Mob of I. W. W. Rioters

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Dr. Dorr Crocker, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Crocker of this city, played a prominent role in the battle against the I. W. W. who attacked and shot down four veterans of Centralia, Wash., recently. When the "wobblies" opened fire a soldier, who was marching by Dr. Crocker's side, fell, mortally wounded. When the soldiers closed in one of the reds shot and killed Private Hubbard. Dr. Crocker and two soldiers captured Hubbard's slayer, and the man was later strung up from a bridge, his body being cut to pieces with bullets.

## Authorities Await Analysis of Blood In Columbus Mystery

Reports from Columbus, Neb., yesterday stated that Cam Tinsley, found half suffocated in an automobile in which Miss Stella Uryszk lay dead, will be held incommunicado in jail until after word is received from Omaha concerning the analysis of the blood and viscera of the girl. This is expected Monday, when the inquest will be held. The body of the girl was buried Saturday.

## Former National Head of Prison Work Dies at Blair

Fremont, Neb., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Mrs. Mary A. Teats, formerly national superintendent of jail and prison work, and one of the first women settlers of Fremont, died at the Methodist home for old people at Blair.

Mrs. Teats was a native of New York. She came to Fremont with her sister in 1852 and the following year was married to Howard Teats. Ten years later they removed to New Mexico, where they remained until Mr. Teats' death three years ago. Mrs. Teats was a lecturer of national reputation. Mrs. Fanny Balding and Mrs. Melissa Fuller of Fremont are sisters. Mrs. Rebecca Carter of Lincoln is another sister.

## Coal Situation Serious At Many Nebraska Points

Lincoln, Dec. 13.—(Special Telegram.)—Messages have come to Fuel Administrator G. G. Taylor from Hildreth, Mason City, Nebraska, Tecumseh, Antioch, Hallam and other places saying that fuel relief must reach them very soon. At Falls City the electric light plant will have to shut down by December 15 unless fuel can be secured. At Bartlett, the county seat of Wheeler county, an inland town without railroads, there are 30 families without coal.

## New Weekly at Odell.

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—The Oracle is the name of a new weekly paper issued at Odell by W. E. Muth, who formerly was engaged in the newspaper business at Bruning, Neb.

## DeWitt Wins From Crete.

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—DeWitt basket ball team won from Crete, 16 to 9, and the girls' team defeated the Wymore High school girls' quintet by a score of 16 to 10.

## Wahoo Scouts Catch Game and Give Big Dinner to Council

Wahoo, Neb., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—The city council of Wahoo recently gave a house for the use of the Boy Scouts, provided the boys fix it up and conduct the place in true boy scout style. The boys intended to fix up the place in the spring, but when school closed Tuesday night they got busy and rustled furniture from their friends until they had enough to furnish the five-room cottage in good shape. They also dug up enough wood from various sources to keep it warm for some time to come. They then conducted a rabbit drive, rounded up about 20 of the furry tribe and proceeded to get up a rabbit feed and invited their friends of the city council to help them celebrate the occasion. Every member of the council was in place with a napkin under his chin. The "feed" comprised fried rabbits, mashed potatoes with brown gravy, apple sauce, pie, cake and coffee, all of which was prepared and served by the scouts. The "cats" were followed by talks from the councilmen and scoutmasters in which the officials threw away their dignity and planned with the boys for co-operation next year in fixing up the grounds and making the scout's home a place of beauty. There are about 40 boys in the

troops at Wahoo and the number will be increased now that they have suitable quarters.

## Great Cattle Loss In Western Nebraska Reported at Lincoln

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 13.—Loss of considerable live stock in western Nebraska as a result of extremely low temperature was reported here today by State Bank Examiner E. A. Fricke of Lincoln, following his arrival from North Platte. Mr. Fricke said he and a companion walked 36 miles from Tyrone, a town without railroad connections to North Platte, and that on the way he had seen a large number of carcasses of cattle which had been frozen to death. The journey was made when temperatures were from 20 to 25 below zero and required three days. Both men suffered frozen feet.

## Drifted Snow Prevents Farmers Reaching Town

Fremont, Neb., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Roads leading to Fremont are blocked with snow and farmers are unable to get to town for their Christmas shopping. Farmers have been forced to desert their high-priced automobiles and resurrect the lowly hohobled. Conditions for sleighing were never better. The ground is covered with snow to a depth of a foot or more and the continued cold weather prevents thawing.

## Kettle Slips From Mother's Hands; Child Is Scalded to Death

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 13.—(Special Telegram.)—Mary Maxine Reinhart, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Reinhart, living south of Beatrice, was scalded to death in a peculiar manner. The father was holding the child in his lap when the mother attempted to pour water in a kettle of boiling beans. The kettle slipped and the contents struck the child in the face scalding her so badly that she died a few hours later.

## Laurel Business Men Plan Big Municipal Wood Yard

Laurel, Neb., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—A municipal wood yard to relieve the coal situation here is planned.

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