

BRIEF BRIGHT FREEZY BITS OF NEWS

"DIVINE PSYCHOLOGIST" BLAMED BY WOMAN.

New York, Jan. 13.—Mrs. Jennings Bennett, a widow, vice president of the Women's Foreign Missionary society of the New York Presbytery and active church worker, who blamed the influences of a "divine psychologist" for her troubles, pleaded guilty to first degree grand larceny. She was remanded to the Tombs for sentence on January 21.

STRANGE MALADY AFFLICTS KANSAS CITY CHILDREN.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 13.—A disease called by various names has been prevalent particularly among children of Kansas City for four weeks, physicians report. Some call it winter cholera and others intestinal influenza, while it is also referred to as dysentery. Physicians said they believed it was the same disease that has appeared in Oklahoma and Kansas.

TWENTY-THREE WARS STILL IN PROGRESS.

Washington, Jan. 13.—Peace on earth is still far from being an actuality. After taking an "inventory" Gen. Marlborough Churchill, chief of the military intelligence division of the War department, announced that there are still 23 wars in progress abroad.

The most important of these wars or states of war are those of bolshevik Russia against every country in Europe except Germany, and the case of the United States, which is enjoying only a cessation of arms against Germany.

WANTS CANAL ALONG THE NICARAGUA ROUTE.

Washington, Jan. 13.—Construction of another interoceanic canal along the Nicaraguan route has become a necessity in the opinion of Representative Charles H. Randall of California, who announced that he will shortly introduce a bill on the subject. Mr. Randall has just returned from a visit to the Panama canal with a party of other congressmen.

The bill will provide for surveys of the Nicaraguan route and the preparation of estimates of cost. Inasmuch as there are only about 18 miles which will have to be excavated between Lake Nicaragua and the Pacific ocean, it is Mr. Randall's opinion that the cost of constructing the canal will be considerably less than the cost of the Panama canal.

FORMER KAISER JESTS WITH DUTCH MINISTER.

The Hague, Jan. 13.—"Tell them that you saw me but that you did not see me saw," said the ex-emperor of Germany, Wilhelm II, self-invited and unwelcome guest at the same Holland's greatest advertising feature, had one of his rare moments of high spirits when he made this jovial remark to former Dutch minister who visited him at Amerongen a few days ago.

To help keep up his spirits the ex-emperor lately has been allowed to receive an increased number of visitors, but newswriters are not considered as belonging in the category of entertainers and "cheerers-up" of the former emperor. The Dutch government courteously, but firmly explained that Wilhelm Hohenzollern has given his word not to receive reporters.

SHINE OWN SHOES AND SAVE DEALERS ADVISE.

Boston, Jan. 13.—"Have shoe prices reached the limit?" A committee of the Boston Retail Shoe Dealers' association, after canvassing the situation, says "No." The question and answer are contained in a report given out in connection with the annual convention of the National Shoe Retailers' association, in session here.

Explaining what higher prices are to be expected, the report says: "Shoes now on sale were made from leather costing 60 cents to \$1 a foot. Shoes now being made for spring are from material costing 80 cents to \$1.25 a foot, plus higher costs for other materials and additional grants to labor, with less pairs per man produced."

Prices will go down, it said, "when there is more leather and less demand for it" and "when strikes cease and labor connected with shoes buckles down and produces more."

HAD BOTTLE OF LIQUOR WHEN GIRL WAS LOST.

Ithaca, N. Y., Jan. 13.—Donald W. Fether of Los Angeles, a student at Cornell university, was fined \$200 for having had a bottle of liquor in his possession when his companion, Miss Hazel Crance of Ithaca, was drowned in a canoe accident in Lake Cayuga, July 19, 1919. He was charged with violating the local "bone dry" liquor law. At the time of the young woman's death Fether was arrested for murder, but was exonerated without being brought to trial. Miss Crance's body was not recovered.

CLOTHING PRICES WILL BE HIGHER, DEALERS SAY.

Chicago, Jan. 13.—Clothing prices next spring will be from 25 to 40 per cent higher than at present, according to H. R. King of Seattle, who addressed the National Retail Clothiers' association. Mr. King said that the increase would come from a complexity of causes, chief of which was increased pay to workers. Labor had gone up 275 per cent since 1914, he said. Mr. King also cited the decrease in working hours and the increase of Australian wool from \$1.15 a pound in 1914 to \$4.10 a pound now.

WATCH "THE VELVET HAMMER'S" GENTLE HITS TO SEE WHO'S NEXT—ON EDITORIAL PAGE

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TWO CENTS.

THE WEATHER: Fair with moderate temperature Wednesday; Thursday unsettled and colder; probably light snow in east and north portions.

TREATY COMPROMISE NEARER

SCAPA FLOW REPARATION REPUDIATED

U. S. Government Objects in Principle to Settlement Made By Supreme Council in Regard To Sinking of Warships.

Washington, Jan. 13.—The United States government has refused to accept any part of indemnity to be paid by Germany for the destruction of the German fleet in Scapa Flow because it objects in principle to the settlement made by the supreme council, it was said today at the State department.

Germany, in compensation for the destruction of the surrendered warships, is required to deliver to the allies certain inland steamer and harbor facilities, such as floating docks and tugs, and the council had decided to allocate 2 per cent of this material to the United States.

BERLIN RIOTS PROVE FATAL TO DEMONSTRATORS

Plundering on Large Scale Occurs When Men Storm The Reichstag.

Berlin, Jan. 13.—Plundering on a large scale occurred Monday in the occupied upper house. Men stormed the town hall, seized arms, threw the archives into the street and stirred up the riotous mob.

Meeting of League Marks Beginning of New Era, Says Wilson

Washington, Jan. 13.—Assembly of the council of the League of Nations in Paris, next Friday, will mark the beginning of a new era in international cooperation and the first great step towards the ideal concert of nations, President Wilson declared in issuing the call for the meeting, as provided by the Treaty of Versailles.

NEW CASE GOES TO JURY SOONER THAN EXPECTED

Brief Plea by Defense—District Attorney Closes Arguments for State.

Los Angeles, Jan. 13.—The case of Harry New, alleged murderer of his fiancée, Freda Lesser, tonight was in the hands of the jury. Thomas Lee Woolwine, district attorney, closed the arguments for the state this afternoon.

The case went to the jury much sooner than had been expected, largely because of a sudden change in plans by the defense. This resulted in the elimination of argument by John L. Richardson of the defense counsel, and the shortening of the final argument by LeCompte Day, leading defense counsel, to a little more than 20 minutes.

PLUMB SCORED BY RAILROADER AFTER ADDRESS

Farmers' Union Delegate Starts Near Riot at Auditorium Meeting.

Richard Bucknole, 73 years old, veteran railroad man of Washington, Neb., precipitated a scene which for a moment threatened to become a riot by bitterly denouncing the Plumb plan as outlined by its author, Glen E. Plumb, at the Auditorium last night.

"You're just one of these lawyers that'll talk you up to the hilt," he shrieked, shaking a bony fist under Plumb's nose. "The labor unions of the country are making every member put a dollar in your hat."

WINS BATTLE AGAINST ODDS WITH THUGS AND SAVES \$500 IN CASH

After an unequal struggle in which A. Sirian, 1039 South Thirty-second street, shot three times and is believed to have wounded one of his assailants, he succeeded in defeating the efforts of two thugs to rob him of about \$500 in cash at the corner of 7300 and Pierce streets last night.

COURT WILL NOT DELAY EXECUTION

Frenzied Attempts of Attorneys to Stop Electrocution of Cole and Grammer Were Overruled Yesterday.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 13.—(Special Telegram).—Another attempt to save Alton B. Cole from the electric chair has failed. Shortly after 2 this afternoon Attorney J. M. Priest in the supreme court asked for permission to allow a writ of error to be issued to the United States supreme court in the original habeas corpus action filed some time ago with the state supreme court.

The attorney general today notified Attorney Sterling Mutz counsel for Grammer, that his accusations against the final hearing before the governor were illegal and unfounded, and that his office has been unable to discover any irregularities leading up to the hearing.

TESTIMONY OF MAYOR AMUSES JURY IN COURT

Difficulty Encountered Obtaining Men to Hear Testimony in Cases of Alleged Rioters.

The crowd in District Judge Redick's court room laughed yesterday when Mayor Smith testified to the blows he received from the mob at the court house the night of the riot.

THREE BROTHERS IN ST. PAUL JAIL ON HOLDUP CHARGE

Chief of Police and Witnesses Will Return for Hearing January 20.

Three Finn brothers, William, (Thomas McKay), Mike and John, are still in jail at St. Paul, Minn., under heavy bond, charged with robbing the Farmers and Merchants bank at Benson of \$105,000 on the morning of December 31, Chief of Police Eberstein said yesterday upon his return to Omaha from St. Paul, where he had been since January 5, in an effort to extradite William and Mike.

"Please Move"



NEW HEADS ARE NAMED FOR THREE BANKS OF OMAHA

Three Presidents Retire at Own Request and Assistants Are Elected Their Successors.

The annual meetings of Omaha bank stockholders in Omaha yesterday resulted in the election of three new presidents with the resultant retirement or partial retirement of veteran presidents, and the addition of a number of new stockholders on board of directors.

NOTED PASTOR TO LEAD BIG ANTI-BOLSHEVIST CAMPAIGN

New York, Jan. 13.—Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, for years pastor of Plymouth church Brooklyn, rendered world famous by Henry Ward Beecher, is about to relinquish his pastorate to assume leadership in a country-wide anti-bolshevist campaign, it was reported today. Dr. Hillis could not be reached to confirm or deny the report. The campaign is to be financed by a large fund subscribed in the west, according to the report.

NEW THRIFT DIRECTOR ADVOCATES STYLE OF PLAIN CLOTHING HERE

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 13.—Mrs. Charles C. Ryan of Grand Island, Neb., assumed a recently created office of director of a state-wide thrift campaign designed to reduce the high cost of living.

CHICAGO ALMOST CRIMELESS FOLLOWING POLICE ROUNDUP

Chicago, Jan. 13.—With but one attempted holdup reported in 24 hours, following the city wide roundup of criminals that netted 412 suspects, Chicago police officers are preparing to continue activities.

NATIONAL PROHIBITION CONVENTION TO BE HELD AT LINCOLN ON JULY 21

Washington, Jan. 13.—The national executive committee of the prohibition party selected Lincoln, Neb., and July 21 as the place and time for the 1920 national convention of the party.

BOTH SIDES ARE UNITE FOR PEACE

Democratic and Republican Senators Endeavoring to End Deadlock and Avoid Campaign Fight.

LODGE AND HITCHCOCK GETTING INTO ACCORD

Two Leaders Visited at Capitol by More Than Score of Representatives of Various Organizations.

Washington, Jan. 13.—Assurances that democratic and republican senators were united in endeavoring to end the senate treaty deadlock and to avoid carrying the treaty issues into the coming political campaign were given by Senators Lodge of Massachusetts and Hitchcock of Nebraska, republican and acting democratic leaders, respectively, to spokesmen of organizations claiming to represent 20,000,000 people desirous of early ratification of the treaty.

The two leaders were visited separately at the capitol by more than a score of representatives of various organizations, including societies working for ratification of the peace treaty, labor unions, church and other religious societies, and agricultural and educational bodies.

Both Senator Lodge and Senator Hitchcock, the delegation was urging immediate ratification. "We urged immediate ratification," the petition recited, "with such reservations as may secure in the present the necessary two-thirds, ever though this may require from the treaty-making powers the same spirit of self-denying sacrifice which won the war. The world should not wait longer for America to conclude peace."

What Senator Lodge Said. Senator Lodge said: "I think there is a very general desire to avoid delay which would necessarily ensue from remitting the whole question to the election in November. I can only repeat that (Continued on Page Two, Column Four.)"

COMMITTEE NAMED TO PLAN FOR DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL MEETING

Washington, Jan. 13.—Appointment of a committee of 17, including two women, to arrange for the democratic national convention at San Francisco on June 28 was announced today by Chairman Cummings of the national committee. This will be the first time women have had a hand in the preliminary arrangements of a presidential nominating convention, Mr. Cummings said.

Calls Out Electricians. Salt Lake City, Jan. 13.—Declaring that he was calling out all electrical workers in the employ of the Utah Light and Power Co. in Salt Lake City, Ogden and Pocatello, H. G. Greene of San Francisco, international representative of the electrical workers' union, issued a general strike call here effective immediately.