

ALLIANCE MAN HELD FOR DEATH OF YOUNG CHILD

Relatives Turn Against Man Charged With Giving His Daughter Poisoned Candy.

Alliance, Neb., Jan. 13.—Lawrence H. Lackey was held to the district court here by County Judge Tash on a charge of causing the death of his 7-year-old daughter, Pauline, by giving her poisoned candy. The girl died in Alliance last December 11.

Mrs. Mary Lackey, mother of the accused, and Frank Lackey, a brother, were the chief witnesses. The four Lackey children had been making their home with the grandmother following an estrangement between their parents.

Mrs. Lackey testified that two bottles of strychnine had been kept in the house for several years and that the day before little Pauline's death she had placed one of the bottles on the sideboard of the home.

Neighbor Warned Her. She testified that a neighbor woman had warned her against such action, because of the presence of small children in the home. She said she burned the bottle the day after the death of her granddaughter without looking to see if the seal of the bottle had been broken.

The first witness for the state was Dr. Elmer Blok, the physician who was called to attend the little girl when she was seized with convulsions at the school house on December 11. He testified that all indications pointed to death by strychnine poisoning.

The grandmother of the dead girl was the second witness. Miss Vera Spencer, school teacher, was placed on the stand and told how the little girl had been suddenly seized with the strange convulsions at the school room.

Specified Soft Centers. Dr. George J. Hand, city physician, and Dr. F. J. Peterson were placed on the stand. They told of the autopsy which was held on the little girl's body and of the examination of the stomach.

Earl Mallory, former state representative and proprietor of the grocery store where Lackey secured the candy with which the little girl was poisoned, was the next witness. He was followed by Hal Gribble, meat cutter in the store, who sold the candy to Lackey.

Gribble told how Lackey specified candy with soft centers when he purchased the commodity.

Mrs. Nettie Lackey, wife of Frank Lackey, brother to the accused man, was the concluding witness. She testified how she was at the home of little Pauline's grandmother and how her own daughter, to whom some of the candy was given, said it tasted bitter and spit it out.

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John L. Kennedy

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and John H. Caldwell, son of the late Victor Caldwell, a former president of the bank, was elected as an additional member. B. B. Wood and James P. Lee were elected additional assistant cashiers at the Merchants National bank. Both men have been with the Merchants National for a number of years. Nelson B. Updike and Frank W. Johnson were elected as additional directors. Officers of the Nebraska National, S. S. Kent, formerly assistant cashier, was named cashier.

John W. Towle was elected vice-president of the Nebraska National bank. John Bekins, H. V. Burkley, Sophus Nebel and Mr. Towle were chosen as additional directors. Officers of the Nebraska National were unchanged.

Gaines Made Director. Dan W. Gaines was named an additional director and vice-president of the State Bank of Omaha. C. L. Murphy, for some time past the discount teller of the State Bank of Omaha, was chosen an assistant cashier.

J. S. King, formerly assistant to the president of the Stock Yards National bank, South Side, was elected

Testimony of Mayor Amuses Jury in Court

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struck that blow which nearly killed me. The mayor illustrated the blow. "I saw it coming," he said, "I was attracted to Davis because I thought there was a man big enough to save me if he wasn't such a coward." Conditions are "Alarming." A jury to try the Davis case the second time was secured soon after noon yesterday after a day and a half examining prospective jurors.

Attorneys characterized the mental attitude of the many of the jurors as "alarming." "What sort of a condition are we coming to when jurors sit here and tell us in a court of justice that they think a lynching may be justifiable, and when one of them calmly informs the officers of the state that they would not hold the lynchers responsible?" said one of the prosecuting attorneys. Davis was tried in December on charges of assault to murder and assault to do great bodily injury to Mayor Smith the night of the riot. The jury disagreed.

Roy W. Simpson, 3509 South Thirty-fifth street, was discharged from all jury duty following answers he gave to questions of County Attorney Shotwell while being examined for jury duty. "Riot Was Necessary." "Do you think the riot at the court house was justified?" asked Mr. Shotwell. "Well, it seemed to be necessary," said Simpson. "Would you hold responsible the men who were in it?" "I'd hate to," was the reply. Judge Redick called for the name of the juror and discharged him from further service. This was the sixth man discharged from jury service in the effort to secure the Davis jury.

Men Are Not Foreigners. "These are not so-called foreigners, either," a court officer pointed out. "They have good, solid Anglo-Saxon names." In District Judge Estelle's court, where a jury was impaneled to try Fred Rissi on a charge of conspiracy to murder Will Brown, the same condition was apparent. George W. Carr, 3312 Corby street, was dismissed from the jury following some of his answers. "There comes a time when men have to do something," he declared, and then was stopped and discharged.

Both Sides United To End Deadlock

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those who formulated the reservations which were adopted by a majority of the senate will be very glad indeed to consider any modifications proposed and then decide what we can accept and what cannot be accepted and try to reach a common ground. Efforts are being made in that direction on both sides of the chamber today. Senator Hitchcock said: "All realize that reservations are inevitable. The president has stated that he would accept interpretative reservations and an effort now is being made to reach an adjustment. Conference is occurring every day and almost every night, not only conferences between democrats and conferences between republicans, but conferences attended by both democrats and republicans. The difficulties are serious not only because many reservations must be considered, but because individual opinions harmonized, but the objection must always be kept in mind of so framing the reservations that they may meet the acceptance of the president."

Senator Johnson Accepts Challenge of the President

New York, Jan. 13.—Senator Hiram Johnson, of California, declared in an address in Brooklyn tonight he would accept the challenge of President Wilson to take the ratification of the peace treaty to the people. "I don't care whether republican leaders accept this gauge of battle or not," he said. "For one, I accept the issue, and I shall go to the people. A subject which deals so intimately with the treasure and blood of the average American is a subject upon which he has the right to ultimate decision. "Politicians upon one side or the other may seek to avoid this issue, but I say with all solemnity, if the politicians unite with absolute unanimity in hiding the subject and endeavoring to prevent its discussion, the American people will wrest it from the politicians and themselves decide it."

Bryan Reiterates Omaha Address in Des Moines

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 13.—If unable to effect an acceptable agreement with republican senators on the peace treaty and league of nations, William J. Bryan here said he would have the democrats permit, and possibly assist, indirectly the republicans in exercising their majority power in the senate in doing what they wish. Then, if the republicans and general manager of the Iron Business Co. was chosen an additional member of the Corn Exchange National bank board of directors. All other members of the board, and all officers were re-elected.

Clifton Hill Club Endorses City Improvement Projects

The Clifton Hill Improvement club last night endorsed the Bell Line, the Fontenelle reserve and the zoning project. A resolution, drawn up by James Rothwell, secretary of the club, approving the plans outlined by George Morton of the city planning board, was unanimously adopted. Mr. Morton explained fully details of the planning board's intended activities. The meeting was held in Marks hall, Forty-fifth and Burdette streets.

Farmers' Council Officer Attending Convention Here

Benjamin C. Marsh, secretary and director of legislation of the Farmers' National Council at Washington, D. C., is attending the convention of the Nebraska Farmers' Co-operative and Educational union here. Mr. Marsh is heartily in sympathy with the activities of the farmers' union, he said.

Japan Freed of Charge of Shipping Arms to Mexico

Washington, Jan. 13.—Intelligence officers of the War department are satisfied after an investigation that the simultaneous arrival at Manzanillo, Mex., of a steamer bearing arms and munitions from Japan and the Japanese cruiser Yakuma had no connection. These officers said today that the Yakuma was a training ship and could not have protected the munitions ship even had there been occasion for the effort.

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UNIVERSITY CLUB HEARS ADDRESS BY MAYOR E. P. SMITH

Directors Elected at the Annual Meeting of 150 Stockholders.

The ninth annual meeting of the stockholders of the University club, held yesterday afternoon, was concluded with a banquet at 7 last night. About 150 stockholders were present. S. S. Caldwell presided as chairman.

Mayor Ed P. Smith, guest of honor at the banquet, was the principal speaker of the evening. The mayor briefly related his experiences the night of the riot, September 28, and also his experience as a witness against alleged rioters. He declared between the riot and the witness stand he believed "he preferred" the riot.

"Profiteers in the business world today are as much bolshevik as any of the others in the country," the mayor said. "By their acts they are sowing the seeds of bolshevism and revolution and unless the business world in general is successful in ceasing the sowing of the seeds of discord it will be up to the government to put a stop to it. And the business men are not the only ones responsible for the present conditions. Labor can also be held partially responsible. I am a

believer in organized labor and the union, but men have worked their way into the ranks of organized labor and are also sowing the seeds of revolution.

"There is still another, the I. W. W., and I do not believe they are all foreigners as some are led to believe. I defeat the I. W. W., but I have a great deal more feeling of contempt against the man who has been raised under the protection of this country and then joins the I. W. W."

The following directors were elected for this year: W. B. Belt, J. H. Beveridge, R. M. Crossman, A. B. Currie, Franklin Mann, Harley G. Moorhead and William H. Smalls.

Engineers' Association Membership Drive Success
The regular monthly meeting of the Omaha chapter of the American association of Engineers was held last night at the Chamber of Commerce. This was the first meeting held since a membership drive was started December 1, and the committee in charge reported that the membership now totaled nearly 400 members. Previous to the drive there were 162 members.

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\$1.25 and \$1.35 quality, 98c.	\$6.25 and \$6.50 quality, \$4.98.
\$2.25 and \$2.35 quality, \$1.89.	\$13.50 quality, \$9.98.
\$3.50 quality, \$2.49.	\$16.50 quality, \$11.98.
	\$18.50 quality, \$13.49.

Second Floor

Sale of Linens and Bedspreads

Pure Linen Table Cloths (Round designs) \$10 Cloths, \$7.89. \$12 Cloths, \$9.75.	Muck Towels Linen weft, hemmed huck towels, 65c quality, 50c.
Table Cloths with Napkins to Match Heavy Irish linen cloths in round floral designs with napkins to match. \$17.50, 2x2 yds. \$14.89 \$20, 2x2½ yds. \$17.50 \$25, 2x3 yds., for \$20 \$18.50 napkins, 22-in. size for \$15 a dozen.	Turkish Towels 60c heavy ribbed Turkish towels for 45c each. 65c heavy bleached towels, Wednesday, 50c each.
	Wash Cloths 10c Turkish wash cloths for 8½c each. <i>Reductions of 25 per cent on All Fancy Linens</i>

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