

CHILD MURDER TRIAL STARTS AT ALLIANCE

Lawrence H. Lackey Alleged To Have Given Little Daughter Poisoned Candy To Effect Reconciliation With Wife.

SHE IS TO TESTIFY IN BEHALF OF HUSBAND

Prisoner Whistles Popular Airs And Jokes With Attorneys as Hearing Begins—Likely to Be No Witnesses for Defense

Alliance, Neb., May 5.—(Special Telegram.)—Lawrence H. Lackey, charged with first-degree murder in connection with the death of his 7-year-old daughter, Pauline, who died of strychnine poisoning December 11, was placed on trial here in district court today.

Lackey is alleged to have committed the murder for the purpose of effecting a reconciliation with his wife who had divorced him in November. The couple had five children, the oldest 9 years old. It was alleged that he thought the death of the little girl would bring her back to him.

Wife Stands By Husband. Mrs. Lackey stood by her former husband at the preliminary trial last January and has repeatedly declared her belief in his innocence. A few weeks ago she was married in Colorado to Manton Hickerson and is now living with her husband at McCook, Neb. She is expected to testify in her former husband's behalf at this trial. On the morning of December 11, Mrs. Lackey and her older sister, Wilma, started to school accompanied by their father. On the way to school the father gave them each a piece of candy. Wilma spat her out saying it was bitter but Pauline ate hers.

Dies In Convulsions.

A few minutes after arriving at school Pauline was seized with convulsions. A physician was summoned and she was taken to the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Mary Lackey, with whom the children were staying since their parents had separated. The child died in about two hours.

The following day the child's stomach was removed and sent to Lincoln for chemical analysis. The report indicated that death had been caused by strychnine poisoning. At the preliminary trial it was brought out that a bottle of strychnine had been kept in Mrs. Lackey's house for the purpose of killing rats and that the bottle had been destroyed shortly after the little girl's death.

Made Candy Purchases.

Testimony also showed that Lawrence Lackey a day or two before Pauline's death had bought three different kinds of candy at a local store and had asked for candy with out centers.

Several days after Pauline's death, Lackey was arrested and charged with murder. At the preliminary trial his bond was fixed at \$5,000, but he did not obtain a bondsman and has remained in the county jail since his arrest. Yesterday he was arraigned in district court and entered a plea of not guilty.

Lackey appeared in court today clean shaven and neatly dressed. Before the trial and at recess he walked about the court room with his hands in his pockets, laughed and joked with his attorneys and occasionally whistled airs of popular songs. Several times he walked to the windows and looked out in apparent thoughtfulness, but beyond a nervous twitching of the lips and almost constant moving about the room, he showed no anxiety as to the outcome of the trial.

Jury Is Selected.

The entire day yesterday was occupied in selecting a jury. Forty-nine names were called and more than 20 were disqualified, leaving those examined. Because of having previously formed an opinion in the case.

A total of 35 witnesses have been summoned by the state, among them John A. Gill, now serving sentence in the state penitentiary for forgery. He is expected to give sensational testimony at the trial. He was brought back from Lincoln yesterday by Sheriff Miller.

All Witnesses Excluded.

At the opening of the trial today all witnesses were excluded from the court room until called to testify upon motion of Attorney William Mitchell who, with his partner, Harry Gantz, are conducting the defense. Mitchell announced that the defense probably would produce no witnesses. County Attorney Bayne is being assisted in the prosecution by Attorney Eugene Burton. The entire forenoon session today was occupied with the testimony of Dr. Ennar Blak, who attended the little girl at the time of her death, and Dr. M. J. Baskin, who assisted Dr. Blak in performing the autopsy. Both testified that death was caused by strychnine poisoning.

Wood Denies Differences

Between His Managers

New York, May 5.—Major General Wood, who arrived here from Chicago, issued a statement in which he denied that the purpose of his visit was to settle differences between his managers, Col. W. C. Procter and Frank H. Hitchcock.

He came here, he said, on personal matters. He expressed satisfaction at the results of the primary in Maryland and Indiana.

Begin Trial of Father Alleged to Have Given Child Poisoned Candy



Lawrence Lackey and his 7-year-old daughter, Pauline, whom he is accused of giving poisoned candy.

RELATIVES OF MEN LYING IN FRANCE SWELL BEE FUND

Pathetic Letters Accompany Contributions to Decorate Graves of Americans.

Mothers, fathers, sisters and brothers of those American soldiers who gave their lives in the service of their country during the war continue to be chief contributors to The Bee's memorial fund for the decoration of graves in France on Decoration day.

The Bee, in co-operation with The Chicago Tribune and many other American newspapers, is backing a new movement to place flowers on the grave of every American boy now buried in France on the National Memorial day, May 30. Contributions will be received and transmitted to the Paris office to the minimum limit of \$5 from one person.

Brief, pathetic letters sometimes accompany the checks. Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Philbrick of Fullerton send a contribution "in memory of Fred Philbrick, lieutenant in the air service, killed in action at St. Michel."

L. J. Saylor of Rising City says: "My boy lies in French soil." Casper Anderson of Fremont says: "Sent in memory of my son, Albert H. Anderson, F-14139, grave No. 330, Juvigny, Department of the Aisne."

The first contributor of the day was Frank A. Hughes, father of the first Omaha boy who was killed in action.

Amount previously acknowledged is \$46.

Today's contributors:

Frank A. Hughes, \$5.00
Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Philbrick, 5.00
Casper Anderson, 5.00
L. J. Saylor, Rising City, 5.00
George Reiche, Moline, 2.00

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Escaped Inmate of Turkish Harem Can Not Enter America

New York, May 5.—Because she could not read, Anna Sherbetjan, a young Armenian woman at Ellis Island, was ordered deported back to Turkey today, where she may face death for her escape from a harem there to come to the United States on an unseemly prospective bridegroom.

Hampson Terkelian, a wealthy Philadelphia merchant, appeared at the island to claim her as his bride, only to learn that she could not enter the country. Harri Yazamajian, a prosperous rug dealer of Cambridge, Mass., had arranged to have Anna come here to marry Terkelian. Harri's wife had come from the same harem from which Anna had escaped, he said.

Rich Armenians are planning to appeal the case.

Funeral of C. F. Morey Held At Hastings on Tuesday

Hastings, Neb., May 5.—(Special Telegram.)—Funeral services for Charles F. Morey were conducted at the residence here yesterday afternoon. Mr. Morey was prominent as a lawyer since 1886, when he formed a law partnership with Judge George W. Tibbets, now a member of the supreme court commission.

Mr. Morey was graduated from the Chicago university in 1879, and was admitted to the bar in Chicago in 1882. He remained in active practice until July 1, 1919, although the last half dozen years he had been in ill health.

Woman on Trial on Charge Of Murdering Husband

Deming, N. M., May 5.—Maud Doster of Columbus, N. M., was placed on trial in the district court here Wednesday on a charge of murder in connection with the death of her husband, Capt. Wade Doster, last March.

Vote Canvass Incomplete.

Lincoln, May 5.—(Special.)—But four counties remain which have not sent in the official vote to Secretary of State Ansberry. These are Dawson, Garden, Knox and Lincoln.

The official canvass must be made on May 10, and if the returns from these counties do not come in time it will be up to the secretary of state to send for them and charge the expense up to those counties.

KNOX OPENS FIGHT TO WORLD WAR

Former Secretary of State Declares Hostilities, in Reality, Are Over, in Debate on Peace Plan in Senate.

SAYS CONGRESS CAN REPEAL DECLARATION

Charges President Has Conjured Every Power Possible In Effort to Compel Senate To Surrender Judgment.

By The Associated Press. Washington, May 5.—Opening debate on his resolution to declare the state of war with Germany and Austria at an end, Senator Knox, republican, Pennsylvania, declared in the senate today that President Wilson was arbitrarily maintaining that the nation technically was at war in order to coerce the senate into ratifying the treaty of Versailles.

"There was no excuse whatsoever for greatly prolonging the war beyond the signature of the armistice," Senator Knox said, "and the only explanation for so doing was the deliberate aim to retain all those autocratic compulsory powers with which the executive had been endowed for the prosecution of the war in order that they might be used for other purposes."

"The welfare and safety of the nation imperatively demands that we know we have peace. The whole world seethes with revolution. Our own nation is in ferment and toil. Force and strife are rampant and threaten the destruction not only of our property, but of our free institutions and even of our lives. And yet we stand, and have stood for months, as a rudderless ship."

Excoriates Wilson's Stand.

"The course of the president ever since he cruised to Europe to participate in the peace conference," continued the former secretary of state, "leaves no chance for doubt that he will continue hereafter as heretofore, to thwart, so far as he is able, every attempt to take any action affecting the provisions of the treaty of Versailles as it came to us fresh from his signature."

He has conjured up every power within his domestic domain in his effort to compel this senate to surrender its will and judgment to him, to become the mere automaton to register his mandate—to approve what he said to us."

Launching into a 30,000-word discussion of his resolution, the senator said congress had the power to "unmake" any of its acts and consequently had the power to repeal the resolutions declaring a state of war with the imperial German government.

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Estimates Earnings Of Reserve System At Hundred Million

Washington, May 5.—Earnings of the federal reserve system this fiscal year were estimated at \$100,000,000 by Governor Harding today in testimony before the federal reserve board, in testimony at the reserve board committee hearing on the resolution proposing an investigation of the administration of the federal reserve act.

His estimate, he said, was based on the figures of last year, which, he said, represented a return of 110 per cent on capital stock.

Without explaining his statement, Governor Harding told the committee that serious problems confronted the country in the next six months. Complaints of country bankers against the universal par clearance order of the reserve board, he said, were to the board like "fleas to a dog, who must have fleas to know he is a dog."

Mr. Harding said he had no objection to any investigation of the board's methods.

Predicts Reduction in Dry Goods Within Fortnight

Chicago, May 5.—A general reduction in the price of cotton, woolen and silk goods within the next few weeks was predicted following announcement of a local silk dealer that he had sold 3,000,000 yards of bolt silk at reductions ranging from 50 cents to \$2 a yard under the prevailing prices.

The sales included all lines of manufactured silks. One merchant said the backward spring and tightening of the market would force stores and manufacturers, in many cases overstocked, to slash prices to liquidate.

He predicted that a drop in the lines would be followed by reduction in food prices, as all markets run somewhat together.

Postal Service Threatened With Collapse, Davey Says

Washington, May 5.—Urging increased pay for employees, Representative Davey, democrat, Ohio, declared in the house that the postal service would collapse soon after July 1 unless congress provided financial relief.

In all industrial centers, the mail service is rapidly going to pieces," he said, adding that "grossly inadequate salaries" were causing employees to quit so frequently that the labor turnover alone would cause a private business to become bankrupt.

Alleged Murderer of Two Men in Syria Is Arrested

By The Associated Press. Constantinople, May 5.—A bandit chieftain named Abraham has been arrested at Aleppo, Syria, charged with the murder of James Perry and Frank Johnson, two American Y. M. C. A. men, near Antab on February 4.

ON GETS MAJORITY IN CALIFORNIA

Incomplete Returns From Two-Thirds of State Show Senator Strong Favorite.

San Francisco, May 5.—Senator Hiram W. Johnson stood today as the preferred presidential candidate on the republican ticket of the voters of California, his native state, on the face of yesterday's preliminary returns from approximately two-thirds of the state's 5,729 precincts. Herbert C. Hoover, Senator Johnson's only opponent, also has his home in California.

Three hours and a half after the polls closed last night, Ralph P. Merritt, California campaign manager for Mr. Hoover, conceded Senator Johnson's election.

The vote tabulated this morning stood:

Johnson, 288,795.

Hoover, 158,583.

Hoover Carries Three.

Mr. Hoover carried three of the 54 counties reported on the face of the incomplete returns. These included Los Angeles, where he had a plurality of 9,200, with more than half the precincts still to report.

Mr. Hoover's home precinct, Stanford university, gave him a plurality of 248 over Senator Johnson. The vote was: Hoover, 308; Johnson, 60. Seventy-three precincts in this county, Santa Clara, gave Senator Johnson almost a two to one plurality, however.

Indianapolis, May 5.—Two thousand nine hundred and thirteen precincts out of 3,387 in Indiana, for republican presidential preference, gave: Wood, 75,990; Johnson, 66,332; Lowden, 33,920; Harding, 17,983.

Grand Jury Returns Twelve Indictments In Council Bluffs

Twelve indictments were returned by the grand jury in Council Bluffs yesterday at its adjourned session from March 20. The grand jury will not meet again until September.

Ernest Borwick, son of H. Borwick, 201 South Main street, Council Bluffs, was indicted for second degree murder for the killing of Leo Holzaster during a road argument near Loveland two months ago. His bond was set at \$10,000.

H. R. Herrick, Merriam block, was indicted on two counts of assault with intent to murder, when he shot his divorced wife, Mrs. R. E. Banner, at 615 Seventh avenue, on the night of April 25. His bonds were set at \$5,000 on each count.

Vina Pullen, 2930 Avenue A, was indicted on a charge of assault with intent to murder, when she shot her husband, Motomaru W. C. Pullen, during an altercation arising over a divorce suit. Her bond was set at \$1,000.

Lawton Stronthers, Omaha negro, was indicted for taking Mrs. R. Tomsett to Council Bluffs in a taxi cab and assaulting her. His bond was set at \$1,000.

Mayors of Omaha and Council Bluffs Confer On Free Bridge Plan

The mayor of Council Bluffs yesterday said to the mayor of Omaha: "We are going to co-operate in the establishment of a new free bridge across the river called on Mayor Smith yesterday morning and expressed hearty interest in the free bridge project. The visiting official said that the people of Council Bluffs and of Pottawattamie county will support the bridge."

The Council Bluffs mayor believes that a new bridge with west approach at Harney or Farum street would be better than attempting to make over the Douglas street bridge. Mayor Smith favors the idea of extending the bridge from Tenth and Farum streets.

Advices Giving Labor Greater Consideration

St. Louis, May 5.—The United States cannot afford to separate its interests from those of Europe, Baron Romano Avezzano, Italian ambassador to this country, asserted in an address before the Chamber of Commerce here Wednesday.

"Many things have been discovered since the war," he declared. "One of these is the interdependence of nations, a thing which even your country with its great wealth and territory cannot escape."

The ambassador warned that labor must receive more consideration if modern civilization is to survive.

Baron Gonsuke Hayashi to Represent Japan in Britain

Honolulu, T. H., May 5.—The Japanese government has unofficially decided upon the appointment of Baron Gonsuke Hayashi, administrator of the province of Kwangtung, South Manchuria, as ambassador to Great Britain to succeed Viscount Suteishi Chinda, according to a Tokyo cable to the Nippon Jiji Japanese vernacular newspaper here.

Viscount Chinda was one-time ambassador to the United States and Baron Hayashi formerly represented Japan at Rome.

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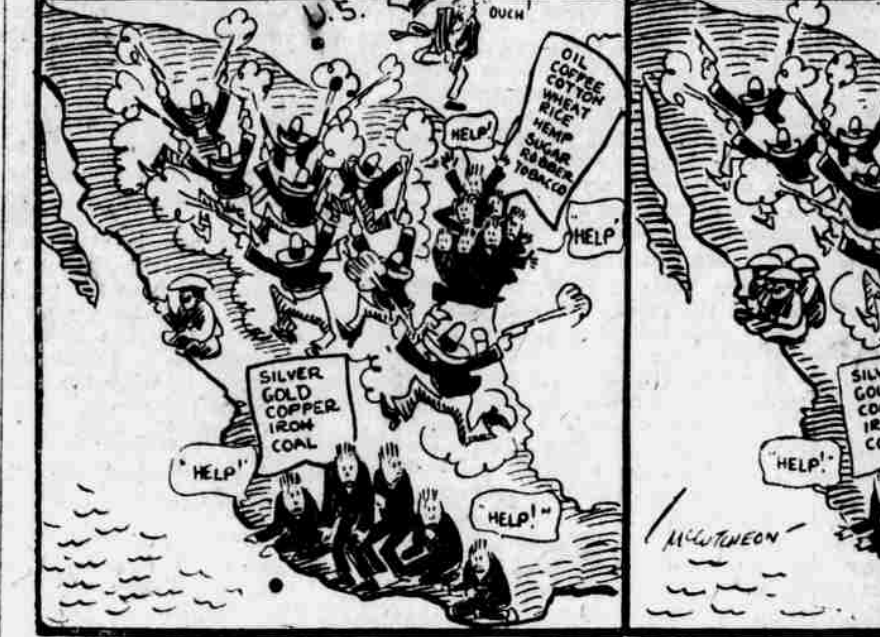
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Cuba and Mexico

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Cuba in 1898 before the U. S. went in. Cuba in 1920, the second richest country (per capita) in the world.



Mexico in 1913. Mexico in 1920, potentially the richest country in the world.

BRYAN SPEAKS AT CONFERENCE OF METHODISTS

Addresses Delegates at General Meeting in Des Moines—Montana Bishop Asks To Be Retired.

Des Moines, May 5.—Delegates to the Methodist Episcopal general conference tonight were addressed by William Jennings Bryan on "Where Are the Nine?" Committee meetings only were held this afternoon.

The request of Bishop R. J. Cooke of Helena, Mont., to be placed on the retired list because of ill health was read. It was referred to the committee on episcopacy. Bishop Cooke was made bishop in 1912, when he was living in Minneapolis.

Frank A. Arter of Cleveland, O., started consideration of the amendment to the discipline of the church when he introduced a resolution asking the judiciary committee to rule on the constitutionality of the article. Dr. E. P. Bennett of California opposed the resolution, and it finally went to the floor on the state of the church. Had it been adopted, it was said, it would have meant a ruling on the amendment question with limited discussion. Dr. Bennett based his objection on that ground.

The article of the discipline in question does not prohibit dancing, card playing and certain other amusements, but provides for "disciplining" the members of the church who engage in the practices.

Florists Expecting To "Clean Up" Mother's Day to Be Disappointed

Chicago Tribune—Omaha Bee Local Wire. Chicago, May 5.—Profiteering florists who had planned a lucrative clean up on "Mother's Day" will find themselves with immense unsold stocks on hand. Public disapproval of their unwarranted advance in prices will not be confined to the present year, but will continue many years, for the sponsors of the celebration have decided to use flags instead of flowers for decorative purposes. Flags will be flown from all public buildings and homes in five industrial badge of a white carnation on a flag is to be designed.

The chief Chicago celebration of Mother's Day will be held next Sunday afternoon in Powers' theater, under the auspices of the Elks. There will be distinguished speakers, music and many flags, but no flowers.

Cummings to Open Campaign With Barbeque at Winfield

Des Moines, Ia., May 5. (Special Telegram.)—Senator Cummings will start his campaign for re-election in Iowa by giving a barbeque at Winfield, Henry county, May 15. Cummings chairman have been chosen in various districts as follows: First, W. W. Copeland, Burlington; Third, W. C. Atkinson, Clarksville; Fifth, W. C. Burrows, Belle Plaine; Sixth, Geo. C. True, Oskaloosa; Eighth, Geo. S. Payne, Centerville; Tenth, Fred Larabee, Fort Dodge.

Same Schedule of Hours Not Adaptable in All Cases

Boston, May 5.—The National Industrial conference board, in a report issued on the hours of work problem, reaches the conclusion that no single schedule of hours is equally adaptable for all industries from the standpoint of production.

The board investigated 1,818 representative establishments in five industries—cotton, wool, silk, boots and shoes and metal manufacturing. The report says the investigation revealed no clearly established relationship between changes in wages and the rate of production, but the evidence clearly indicated that the piece rate system was more conducive to efficiency than the day rate system.

The Weather

Forecast.

Fair Thursday; not much change in temperature.

Hourly Temperatures:

Time	Temp.	Time	Temp.
5 a. m.	48	1 p. m.	66
6 a. m.	48	2 p. m.	68
7 a. m.	49	3 p. m.	69
8 a. m.	50	4 p. m.	68
9 a. m.	51	5 p. m.	67
10 a. m.	52	6 p. m.	66
11 a. m.	53	7 p. m.	65
12 noon	54	8 p. m.	64

Loses Finger in Machine.

Fremont, Neb., May 5.—(Special.)—While grinding sausage at Hooper, George Uhlig pressed his hand too far into the machine and lost the second finger of his right hand at the first point.

DESTROYERS ARE ORDERED TO KEY WEST

Secretary Daniels Sends Vessels of Atlantic Fleet to Southern Waters to Be in Ready for Action in Mexico.

THREE NEW PROVINCES MAY JOIN INSURGENTS

Revolt of States of Coahuila, Nuevo Leon and Tamaulipas Said to Be Matter of But Few Days.

Washington, May 5.—Secretary Daniels today ordered a division of destroyers now at New York with the Atlantic fleet to sail immediately for Key West, where they will be held for possible duty in Mexican waters.

The destroyers are commanded by Captain Byron Long on the tender Blackhawk, which will accompany the flotilla. Captain Long was in conference with Secretary Daniels here last night and left immediately afterwards for New York to get his ships ready to sail today.

The secretary said today that Captain Long had been given full instructions as to the policy to be pursued in event it becomes necessary to send the destroyers to Mexican ports.

The vessels should report at Key West by tomorrow night or Friday. Thus far no reports of any serious disturbances in the Mexican ports have reached the government, but revolutionists are active not far from the places.

Revolt Is Spreading.

Agua Prieta, Sonora, May 5.—Revolt or subjection of the border states of Coahuila, Nuevo Leon and Tamaulipas is a matter of but a few days, it was announced at military headquarters of the revolutionists here today.

Revolutionary forces are active in all the states, it was said, and conferences are under way like those conducted which led to the revolt of 1911.

In Monterey, Nuevo Leon, Carranza forces were declared concentrating in fear of attack, and the same concentration was reported at San Luis Potosi, further south in the state of the same name.

Monterrey and San Luis Potosi are considered the two most important points in northern Mexico for the rebels now to take. With these cities in their possession, all rail communication between the United States and Mexico City would be cut and the oil fields would be isolated, except by water. Both cities have large railroad yards, machine shops and other facilities needed by an army.

Carranza Using Airplanes.

Washington, May 5.—Apparently unable to get under way any offensive military expedition against the revolutionists, President Carranza has begun using airplanes to harass rebel-held towns in the neighborhood of the Mexican capital, according to advices to revolutionary agents.

The information through official channels yesterday that Pablo Gonzalez, formerly an aide of Carranza, had entered the revolution at the head of a detachment of revolting federal troops, also was contained in the rebel advices.

Nonpartisan League Conspiracy Charge Made by Lincoln Man

Lincoln, Neb., May 8.—(Special Telegram.)—Walter E. Quigley, Lincoln, was set free today at Seward on two charges of altering dates on checks, when Judge Harry Norval granted the defendant's motion to dismiss the trial.

Quigley was arrested here April 16 on complaint of F. J. Schultz and Irwin Minzel, who alleged he changed the dates on two checks. On cross-examination Quigley, who acted as his own lawyer, went closely into the Nonpartisan league workings in the community where Schultz lives. He brought out the fact that farmers there held two meetings at a schoolhouse to outline plans for prosecuting Quigley, when the judge halted the testimony as irrelevant. Quigley said he could show a conspiracy headed by the Nonpartisan league organization to "get him" because he had written a book concerning the league. This testimony was ruled out.

After dismissal of the case against Quigley, Minzel, the other complaining witness, agreed to drop his case provided Quigley agreed not to sue Minzel and Schultz for damages.

Not to Print Laws.

Lincoln, May 5.—(Special.)—The supplemental acts of the legislature passed since 1913, will not be printed, the finance department of the state decided after opening bids that the state could not afford to incur the expense necessary because of the cost at this time.

Select Two Delegates.

Colorado Springs, Colo., May 5.—Republicans from the Second congressional district, meeting in convention here, selected two uninstructed delegates to the republican national convention.