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Tells of Double Life

Fremont, Neb., Sept. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—In testimony replete with sensation, Mrs. Sophie Lucken, 57, turning state's evidence in the trial of John Olson, Omaha contractor, for the alleged attempted murder in Fremont May 12 of her husband, 78, recounted an intimacy with Olson extending over four years and told of the incidents which occurred in her home the morning of the shooting.

Omaha Contractor On Trial for Shooting



Hunger Strikers Are Under Guard Of Machine Guns

Correspondent Refused Permission to Interview Prisoners in Cork Jail—MacSwiney Much Weaker.

Cork, Sept. 9.—(By The Associated Press.)—The correspondent of The Associated Press called at the jail this morning, but he was refused permission to see the Irish prisoners now on hunger strike, or even to interview the prison authorities.

These precautions seemingly signified the unsuccess of the authorities as to what may happen at Lord Alway's MacSwiney in Brixton prison, or any of the men incarcerated here, should die.

MacSwiney Weaker. London, Sept. 9.—Lord Mayor MacSwiney of Cork, who is incarcerated in Brixton prison and has been on a hunger strike since August 12, passed a very bad night and complained again this morning of dizziness, according to a bulletin issued early today by the Irish Self-Determination League.

British May Weaken. With MacSwiney going to his death with greater tenacity and with a greater arousing of British and world sentiment in his behalf than had been believed possible, the British government today gave another sign of weakening in its resolve to carry out the death sentence.

This fact is sharply registered with the cabinet and through the logic of Premier Lloyd George's statement: "If you let the mayor and the other hunger strikers out you cannot govern Ireland." It recognized the other side of the shield also the view, "That you cannot govern Ireland if you let them die of starvation in prison."

Irish Officers Killed. Tullow, County Carlow, Ireland, Sept. 9.—Armed and masked men attacked four police officers here last evening. Two of the constables were shot dead and another seriously wounded.

Oregon Passes Maine As 34th Largest State. Washington, Sept. 9.—Maine, 34th state in population 10 years ago, has been outgrown in the last decade by Oregon, which was 35th state. Maine's population, announced today by the census bureau, is 767,996, an increase of 25,625, or 3.5 per cent over 1910. The growth of the state was the smallest since the decade ending 1890.

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The New Constitution. (The Bee continues today its explanation of the various amendments to the state constitution, proposed by the constitutional convention, submitted to a vote of the people at a special election to be held September 21. This election is in many respects the most important held in Nebraska in generation. An intelligent ballot can be cast only after a clear understanding of the various proposals submitted. There are 41 proposals and each is submitted for separate vote.)

PROPOSITION NO. 33. Permits the city of Omaha, by majority vote, to adopt its present charter as a home rule charter. The present law requires at least three elections to accomplish this result.

PROPOSITION NO. 34. Amends Sections 1, 5 and 6 of Article Xlb. Gives the legislature complete control over the organization, regulation and supervision of all corporations, mutual and co-operative companies and associations. Provides that corporations organized outside of Nebraska shall have no greater rights than Nebraska corporations. Provides further that any mutual, co-operative company or association may limit the number of shares of stock that any individual may own and may limit each stockholder to one vote, regardless of the amount of stock he may own. Prohibits issue of corporation stock of bonds except by an equivalent in money paid or labor done.

Russian Refugee at Detention Camp Is Shot While Drilling

New York, Sept. 9.—Pavel Nikoloff, 14, and one of 800 Russian refugee children being mothered by the Red Cross at Fort Wadsworth, Staten Island, on their long journey from Siberia to their Petrograd homes, was shot and killed early today while being instructed in the army's manual of arms by a friendly soldier on guard duty. This announcement was made at noon by Red Cross officials.

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The Smoke Screen



Louise Dinning Is Named in Jingle For Fete Queen

Vera Freeman Winner of Today's Prize in The Bee's Ak-Sar-Ben Contest.

Louise Dinning for queen is the first selection of a prize-winning "jingle" in The Bee's Ak-Sar-Ben jingle contest. Vera Freeman, 1741 South Twenty-ninth street, won Wednesday's prize with this jingle: "To gain the crown of honor, And in old game the clever maid— Louise Dinning with it on her."

Two tickets to the Ak-Sar-Ben carnival and shows is the prize for the best daily jingle on who will be Ak-Sar-Ben king and who will be queen.

Make a jingle involving the name of some man or woman who will become a king or queen of Ak-Sar-Ben. Send it to "Contest Editor of The Bee." You will not only qualify for the daily prize, but also for the grand prizes to be awarded at the close of the contest.

1. No governor of Ak-Sar-Ben or any member of his family is eligible to compete, nor any employee of The Bee or his relative. Anyone else may contribute one or more jingles.

2. The guess must be embodied in a jingle, either a "King" or "Queen's" jingle. It must be written plainly and enclosed in an envelope addressed to the Ak-Sar-Ben Jingle Editor of The Bee.

3. Each jingle must be on a separate sheet of paper, the "King's" jingle on one and the "Queen's" jingle on another.

4. The author of the best jingle each day will receive two tickets to Con T. Kennedy's Ak-Sar-Ben carnival shows.

5. The person who guesses correctly the name of the king will receive any \$10 article in any Omaha store; the person who guesses correctly the name of the queen will receive a second order for \$10 worth of merchandise in any Omaha store.

6. In case two or more persons make the same winning guesses, the author of the best jingle will receive the first prize and the author of the second best jingle a separate \$5 prize.

7. The contest will close September 22.

Trade Unions Move to Prevent Unemployment. Portsmouth, England, Sept. 9.—The trades union congress, in session here, adopted a resolution today declaring responsibility for unemployment should be borne by industry and that in no case should the level of income fall below 85 per cent of wages earned when in full employment. Power should be obtained to force a levy on industry to raise the necessary fund, the resolution added, and the parliamentary committee was instructed to take necessary action to this end.

Lincoln Hotel Man Ends Life

Frank J. Richards, Former Commercial Club President, Inhales Illuminating Gas.

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 9.—(Special.)—Frank J. Richards, manager of the cafeteria in the Knudge & Guenzel department store, was found dead in the kitchen of his home, 1017 South Seventeenth street, where he had stopped up all crevices and turned on the gas. He formerly was manager of the Lincoln hotel and a president of the commercial club.

He had been ill for a month with rheumatism which is believed to be the cause for his act. His business was in a flourishing condition.

The act was deliberately planned. A typewritten letter contained minute directions for the person finding his body and for the conduct of his funeral but no reason for taking his life. The letter specified that his funeral should not cost over \$150.

The note cautioned the person finding the body not to get excited. Letters addressed to his mother and three telegrams to other relatives were left.

Mr. Richards was popular as a business man and social leader. He came to Lincoln 20 years ago from Omaha and previously had lived in Chicago.

Two years ago he had business differences with D. E. Thompson, then owner of the Lincoln hotel, which resulted in his being found guilty by a jury in Port Angeles, Wash., of attempting to extort \$24,000 from his employer.

He was later settled and Richards returned to take up his business life in Lincoln.

He is survived by a son, Hume Richards, traveling for the Burroughs Adding Machine Co., a daughter, Mrs. Hugo Birken, of Kent, O., and his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Richards, now visiting in the east.

U. S. Armored Cruiser Aground in Baltic Sea. Washington, Sept. 9.—The armored cruiser Pittsburgh is aground in the Baltic sea three miles off Lithuania, on the coast of Courland. A report received at the Navy department from Vice Admiral Halse, on board the Pittsburgh, did not indicate whether the vessel was in serious danger.

The report said the transport Frederick, now at Antwerp, had been ordered to proceed to the assistance of the Pittsburgh, after transferring to another transport other passengers consisting chiefly of the navy Olympic team.

Made Millions in Oil Fields, Dies a Pauper. Casper, Wyo., Sept. 9.—Simon (Old Sol) Solomon, 80, whose spectacular career and extensive operations in the coal fields of Pennsylvania half a century ago brought him into national prominence, is dead here, a pauper.

Solomon died in a local hospital after a brief illness, and was buried in potter's field.

Greek Ship Owner Who Broke Bank at Deauville Is Hero

"King Baccarat" Buys Airplane Limousine With Wipings—Others Even More Fortunate.

Paris, Sept. 9.—With his pockets and suitcases bulging with bank notes, Maurice Vagliano, the Greek ship owner and called "King Baccarat," because he broke the bank at Deauville last night, immediately started for Biarritz by his private airplane limousine for which he paid 300,000 francs.

He announced that he would live at Biarritz, flying daily to San Sebastian, Spain, where the lid is completely off. Gambling is going on day and night. So many society people are following the example of Vagliano that a premium has been placed on private airplanes. Eight scaphandre taken to Biarritz on the chance that they would find a market were snapped up eagerly by gamblers who wanted to bring the Spanish Monte Carlo within an hour's ride.

Vagliano, who won \$1,000,000, and the Syrian, who is reported to have won even more at a single sitting, are the leading spenders at Biarritz, but Americans, including a dozen new war millionaires from the middle west and Texas, are close behind in the race to unload their superfluous shekels.

The star visitor of the week at Biarritz is "Mamie" Jones, who sold a tiny Oklahoma farm for \$200,000 when oil was discovered on it. She has taken a village on the sea front and attired in the most gorgeous creations is surrounded by a dozen or more ebony admirers from all parts of the compass eager to claim relationship.

Mamie spent the first night here in the baccarat rooms at the Casino and lost a few thousand dollars. Thereafter she declared, "Ah prefers craps," and has remained away from the Casino.

Lenine Pleased With Spread of Bolshevism. London, Sept. 9.—Premier Nicolai Lenine of soviet Russia is highly satisfied with the progress of bolshevism all over the world except in England and the United States, where he feels that its growth is too slow, he wrote to a friend in Geneva, according to a dispatch to the London Express.

The premier, in the letter admits that the bolshevist military invasion of the west failed, but has high hopes for a great success in the east, relying on military action with the aid of Envor Pasha, the amirs of Afghanistan and Baluchistan and propaganda.

The Weather. FORECAST. Friday fair; not much change in temperature.

Hourly Temperatures. 6 a. m. 54, 7 a. m. 56, 8 a. m. 58, 9 a. m. 60, 10 a. m. 62, 11 a. m. 64, 12 noon 66, 1 p. m. 68, 2 p. m. 70, 3 p. m. 72, 4 p. m. 74, 5 p. m. 76, 6 p. m. 78, 7 p. m. 80, 8 p. m. 82, 9 p. m. 84, 10 p. m. 86, 11 p. m. 88, 12 noon 90.

Troops Leave Denver. Denver, Colo., Sept. 9.—Two provisional companies of infantry, detachments of signal corps and artillery troops shortly before noon today began entraining to leave the city on a second section of Union Pacific train No. 102 this afternoon. Seventeen officers and 250 men will follow. The troops were sent here following street car strike riots.

Factory is Guttled by Fierce Fire

General Alarm Is Sounded For Blaze at Omaha Body Company Plant.

Damage Is \$200,000. Fire of undetermined origin, which attracted thousands of persons, completely destroyed the three-story building occupied by the Omaha Body Company, 1529 North Sixteenth street, between 5:30 and 8 o'clock. Total damage is estimated at \$200,000.

Flames and sparks shot skyward and burning gembers were scattered by the wind on housetops for blocks around.

The alarm was rung in by a pedestrian, who ran four blocks to Fire Station No. 4 at Sixteenth and Ixard streets. Just as the first hose company arrived the entire building burst into flames.

General Alarm. Chief Sater said that when his roadster reached Sixteenth and Gaving streets, he could see that the whole building and adjoining houses were in flames. Arriving at the fire, Sater immediately sent in a general alarm and all fire fighting apparatus in the downtown district and scores of firemen and equipment from other lying stations answered the call.

The body company does a big business in building and painting automobile bodies. More than three carloads of bodies painted and ready for shipment were in the building. A few minutes after the firemen arrived the back wall caved and about 20 minutes later parts of the south and north walls fell, endangering the lives of firemen fighting the blaze on houses to the north.

Other Fires Started. Fifteen streams of water were poured into the building. The heat was so intense that the throng of onlookers were forced to keep moving.

Burning embers started fires on the homes of Mike Galariel, 1536 North Sixteenth street; Frank Sandau and Rose Bence, 1541 North Sixteenth street; Mabel Donaldson, 1543 North Sixteenth street, and Nellie Hanna, 1539 North Sixteenth street.

The fire started from an undetermined origin. It threatened the entire block, including the Uptide Milling company and the Henry Transfer company.

Ellet B. Smoak, owner of the body company, said that the total damages would reach \$200,000, partly covered by insurance.

Smoak stated that he left the building about 5:10 o'clock. The alarm was rung in 15 minutes later. He suggested that the fire started either from sparks from an engine in the back of the building or from spontaneous combustion.

Automobiles belonging to the Standard Oil company, Reed's & Rose Bence, Carpenter, Panzer company and Mr. Smoak's were destroyed.

Numerous Explosions. Several explosions were caused by hundreds of gallons of paints which were stored in the building. Chief Sater warned his men to keep several feet from the building, fearing that the front wall would collapse.

This is one of the worst fires of the year," said Sater. "A strong southwest wind fanned the blaze which, with paint, made fire-fighting difficult."

The fire was under control by 7:50. Scores of automobiles from all parts of the city were parked on all side streets near the fire. Police had great difficulty in keeping the crowd back from the danger zone, which was established by Police Sergeants Coffey and Russell.

S. Smoak bought the Omaha Body company three months ago. The company was first organized by local stockholders about two years ago.

Furniture of nearby houses was carried a block away by occupants. Mrs. Hanna rushed into her building while the fire was raging to rescue her pet canary, "Nan." Mrs. Donaldson, despite warnings from firemen and police, ran into her house to save two of her dogs.

Fires originating from flying embers on the roofs of Mike Galariel and W. Peters' homes were extinguished by buckets of water.

Smoak stated that he would immediately seek a temporary location for his business. He contemplates erecting a new building. The structure occupied by the body company was owned by M. Kulevsky, proprietor of the Central market.

Police were ordered to remain over night to guard the burning building. An effort will probably be made to tear down the front wall, which is still standing.

Rock Island Auditor Tells of Big Deficit. Lincoln, Sept. 9.—(Special.)—W. H. Burns, general auditor of the Rock Island railroad, has filed an affidavit in federal court here supporting the allegations of the commitment of the 2-cent passenger rate in Nebraska.

Mr. Burns sets out extensive figures to show that the company has held a general deficit in Nebraska since its entire system. He shows that the deficit in this state for interstate fares is \$38,883.93 for 1919 and that if the 2-cent fare had been in effect it would have been \$166,538.68.

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