

\$15,000 Reward Is Offered for Lost Canadian

Referee for Canadian Provinces Increases Amount Proposed for Discovery of Former Secretary.

Toronto, Sept. 9.—The reward offered for the arrest of John Doughty, former private secretary to Ambrose J. Small, wealthy theater owner of Toronto, who disappeared last December, was increased today from \$5,000 to \$15,000. The increase was authorized by J. A. C. Cameron, referee for the province of Ontario, who also extended the time limit in which the reward would be paid to September 21, 1921.

The double disappearance of Ambrose J. Small, millionaire theatrical man of this city, and his secretary, John Doughty, both well-known citizens of Toronto, has been one of the most mystifying cases with which the Canadian police have had to deal. Small has been missing since December 28, and Doughty since December 28, last.

The whole continent of America has been a field for search by detectives for trace of the missing men, and circulars describing Mr. Small and offering rewards for the recovery of him, dead or alive, have been sent to almost every country in the civilized world.

Mr. Small had just put through a deal for the sale of his interests in a string of theaters in Canada at \$1,750,000 to a syndicate known as Trans-Canada Theaters, Limited, and a few hours before his disappearance, on December 28, he had received a check for \$1,000,000 in connection with the sale. This check he deposited in his bank. On that day he had had lunch with his wife downtown, and had promised her to be home to dinner in the evening. He had attended to some business late that afternoon and about 7 o'clock started for home, so far as is known. The last person known to have seen him was his favorite newsboy, from whom Mr. Small bought the evening papers.

The fact that Mr. Small was missing was not made public until three or four weeks had elapsed. In the first week in January the first circulars asking for information as to Mr. Small's whereabouts were sent out by the local police authorities, and a reward of \$500 was offered. A short time afterward the reward was increased to \$5,000. Then on the first of June a reward of \$50,000 was offered by Mrs. Small for information regarding Mr. Small's whereabouts, if alive, and \$15,000 for the recovery of his body, if dead.

The mystery of Mr. Small's absence was accentuated by the disappearance of John Doughty, who had been his private secretary for many years. Doughty has not been seen or heard from, so far as the authorities are aware, since December 28, 1919. In June, 1920, the discovery was made that \$150,000 of Victory bonds were missing from the safety deposit vault where they had been placed by Mr. Small, and it was stated that Doughty had had access to the vault. Thereupon circulars were issued offering \$5,000 reward for the arrest of John Doughty on a charge of having abducted Ambrose Small, and \$5,000 for Doughty's arrest on a charge of having stolen the missing Victory bonds.

Reds' Rifle Strength Reduced Half by Poles

Washington, Sept. 9.—Rifle strength of the bolshevik army on the Polish front was reduced by more than one-half as a result of the Polish counter-offensive, according to reports received here today in official circles.

The soviet armies, the advices stated, have suffered heavily from desertions, estimated at approximately 1,000,000, with \$50,000 at large in Petrograd alone.

The reports also gave estimates as to the strength of the soviet forces on other fronts, the number of men opposing the anti-bolshevik leader, General Wrangel, in south Russia, being given as 105,000, including noncombatants. General Wrangel's force is estimated at 140,000 men.

On the quiet southwestern front opposite the Roumanian lines from Tarnopol to Odessa the soviet government is reported to have been holding 46,000 rifle troops under the command of General Oberevitch, while further eastward on the Caucasus front the number is placed at 40,500 men. General Kurapatkin, bolshevik commander in the remote transcaucasian region on the Persian-Chinese border, is estimated to have a force of 29,500 men.

Beatrice Business Men Plan New \$500,000 Hotel
Beatrice, Neb., Sept. 9.—(Special.)—A stock selling corporation will be inaugurated at once among the business men of Beatrice for the purpose of erecting a 100-room modern hotel on the ground where the Paddock hotel was destroyed by fire more than a year ago.

Celebrates Golden Wedding

Former City Treasurer of Omaha, War Veteran, Married 50 Years Ago in Iowa—Now Living in Wahoo.



Wahoo, Neb., Sept. 9.—(Special.)—Capt. and Mrs. John Steen will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary here Friday. They were married in Decorah, Ia., September 10, 1870.

Mr. and Mrs. Steen are natives of Norway. They came to the United States in 1853 and 1855, respectively, with their parents. Both families settled in Iowa.

Capt. Steen enlisted as a private in the Twelfth Iowa infantry in 1861 and was mustered out of service with the rank of quartermaster-sergeant in 1866, after serving four years and four months.

He moved to Omaha in 1869 and obtained employment as a mail order clerk in the postoffice. Later he entered the railway mail service with a run between Council Bluffs

and Ogden. From 1871 to 1873 he was city treasurer of Omaha.

After serving his term as a city official he became chief clerk to the paymaster in the Department of the Platte. He resigned in 1874 and moved to Fremont, where he conducted a lumber yard and farm machinery establishment on the site of the present union station.

When the first railroad train on the Union Pacific entered Wahoo it contained a stock of farm implements for Capt. Steen. With his brother, he opened a store which he conducted for 12 years. In the early 80s he was postmaster of Wahoo.

He was commissioner of public lands and buildings in 1890 and served about 10 years as a postoffice inspector. He retired from active business in 1900.

route she took from her house to the depot.

"Was it the early train that you intended to take there?"

"I think it was just pulling in. I got my ticket at the second window. I went on the train."

"You barely had time to catch the train."

"Yes, I had time."

No Prosperity In U. S. Till We Join League, Cox

Democratic Nominee, in Montana Speech, Continues to Talk in Large Figures, About Arid Acreage.

Helena, Mont., Sept. 9.—Arguments in behalf of the league of nations adapted to affairs of the west were presented here today by Governor Cox, democratic presidential candidate. He outlined what he declared were practical material benefits to flow from the league.

"It has recently been figured," said the governor, "that the cost of one battleship would reclaim 2,000,000 acres of land."

"Multiply this by 48, the number of states, adopting the plan of one battleship for each state, and you have a staggering total, and, if properly applied, the answer to the problem of housing in our cities, the answer to the question of increased production for sustenance of human life, the necessities of life, rather than to employment in the creation of agencies for the destruction of life."

The governor's speech here, after a few rare platform addresses en route, opened final day of his Montana campaign. He came here from Great Falls and was scheduled to speak late today at Anaconda and at Butte tonight.

In discussing reclamation, the governor also declared against "our present ill-considered system of reclamation projects."

"What we need," he added, "is a definite program fitted into a definite business administration. . . . and a program adopted by which, each year, there will be added for a public use a definite number of acres, under the provisions of our act, the early enlargement of reclaimed acreage and production."

Urging the league, Governor Cox told his Helena audience that the United States is looked upon "as a nation of quitters, self-prosperous and self-satisfied, who mean associates as well as our enemies in Europe are starving to death."

Holds Up Prosperity.
"America cannot enter into the period of prosperity to which we are entitled," he said, "until the doubt and distrust and the growing hatred against us, created by the apostles of hate in the senatorial oligarchy, have been removed."

Governor Cox also inveighed against a separate peace with Germany and urged world disarmament. Republican financing and the candidate's "senatorial oligarchy" came in for more criticism, and the candidate reiterated his preachment of progress as against reactionism.

"Clearance Papers" Solve Mexicans' Marital Woes
Alliance, Neb., Sept. 9.—(Special.)—The ne-nuptial troubles of Jesus I. Gonzales and Concepcion Lopez, Mexicans, are over at last. They were married yesterday at Holy Rosary church. On August 16, Jesus obtained a marriage license and he and his intended bride were making ready for the ceremony when the young woman's father objected on the ground that Jesus had not produced satisfactory "clearance" papers, relative to birth, residence, etc., as required by Mexican marriage customs. The couple were much disappointed when told they would have to wait until Jesus' pedigree arrived from old Mexico. The "papers" arrived and they lost no time in having the ceremony performed.

Planes Aid Fishermen In Making Record Catches
Washington, Sept. 9.—As a result of patrols maintained by naval seaplanes, Chesapeake bay fishermen are making the biggest hauls on record.

Immense schools of fish are spotted almost daily by the seaplanes, it was reported, and fishing fleets are given the location by radio communication, or, if within sight, by flag signals.

could stand on her constitutional rights and not answer. "Isn't it a fact that your familiar relations with Olson dates to the time he worked on your farm?"

Lettish Veterans of Siberian Campaign Finally Reach Home

Riga, Latvia, Sept. 9.—After a trip of 103 days from Vladivostok to Latvia by way of Java, Ceylon, the Red sea, the Suez canal and Mediterranean, the first boatload of 317 Lettish veterans of the Siberian campaign have just arrived in Riga, where they were given a royal reception by the American Red Cross. From February to June they journeyed 14,700 miles by sea.

Five motor ships with 4,800 Letts are scheduled to arrive in the next two months. Transportation is provided by the allies.

All Riga turned out to welcome its returning sons. The streets were festooned with flowers and with the red, white and blue bunting of Latvia. A home coming party for the soldiers was held in one of the local American warehouses.

In 1916 these Letts, as an integral division of the Russian army, fought in the defense of Riga. With the treaty of Brest-Litovsk and the collapse of the Russian army they fell back in a body to Petrograd. There the entire division retired to Siberia, where it fought side by side with the British, French, Czechoslovak and Polish forces.

Ice Box Romance Causes Divorce Suit By Pedagog
University of Illinois Faculty Member Names Butcher as One Most Responsible For Wife's Actions.

Chicago, Sept. 9.—A clandestine romance carried on in the ice chest of a butcher shop which created scandal that stirred faculty circles of the University of Illinois, will culminate tomorrow in the filing of the second of two divorce bills.

The bill will be filed by Professor Cyrus C. Palmer, teacher in the school of engineering. Mrs. Sylvia C. Palmer, his estranged wife, started suit here today. The bills come as a sequel to a series of "snappy parties" given by Mrs. Palmer, together with the wife of Professor L. A. Wilson, formerly a colleague of Palmer, but now of the faculty of the University of Cincinnati.

Butcher is Named.
Carl A. Carlson, a butcher in Champaign, Ill., will be named by Palmer in his suit, as "the one person most responsible for his wife's scandalous behavior."

Mrs. Palmer's suit for divorce alleges her husband "cruelly beat and maltreated" her on several occasions. At one time, she charges, he hit her so forcibly with an umbrella that it was broken.

"We were married in the summer of 1911," Palmer said today, "after eloping to Palmyra, Mo. I was then a professor in Pennsylvania state college.

A new angle to the "snappy parties" given by Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. Wilson will be revealed tomorrow, Palmer said, when the story of the latter's relationship with Fred Frison, proprietor of the University pharmacy in Champaign, Ill., will be narrated. It is Palmer's claim that Carlson, with Mrs. Palmer, and Frison, with Mrs. Wilson, spent nights of revelry in the Palmer home during the professor's absence.

"My wife became infatuated with Carlson in the summer of 1919 while I was employed in Toledo, O., as a consulting engineer.

"When I returned to the university my wife took up a course in a business college and she was supposed to attend classes there three nights a week. Instead, I later learned, she went to Carlson's butcher shop and spooned with him in what was supposed to be the ice chest."

Gratuities to Be Paid To Marines Who Re-enlist
The marine corps recruiting service has been notified that all recruiting officers will be authorized to pay honorable discharge gratuity to all marines re-enlisting for a term of one, two, three, or four years, at the rate they would have received had they been employed in active service for two, three or four months, respectively, immediately following discharge. The honorable discharge gratuity includes all permanent additions excepting special details.

Urges Fair Play For Public Favor

Railway Commissioner Says Utilities Must Live Down Bad Record of Past.

The best policy for winning public favor is fair play and complete publicity, Thorne A. Browne, state railway commissioner, told members of the Nebraska Electric Light association at their meeting in Omaha yesterday.

"It may be that state commissions and city councils are prejudiced against public utilities," Mr. Browne said. "That generally is but an expression of popular sentiment, the outgrowth of a feeling which results from past action of utilities in watering stock, charging exorbitants against the public interest. Public utility men today are not generally so guilty of these practices but they have inherited the feeling engendered by them. The only cure is fair play and publicity, so that the public may appreciate exactly what the utilities are doing."

The association concluded its session at the Hotel Fontenelle with an election of officers. J. B. Harvey of the Continental Gas and Electric company was elected president and W. B. Roberts of the Union Power and Light company for the named vice president. J. E. Harsh of Lincoln, O. J. Shaw of Lincoln, C. H. Cornish of Valentine, J. E. Davidson of Omaha and Mr. Roberts, also of Omaha, were elected members of the executive committee.

Democratic Manager Holds Conference Here
W. H. Thompson of Grand Island, democratic national committee man for Nebraska, had a conference yesterday with E. E. Howell, recently appointed to take charge of raising funds in Nebraska, for the democratic national campaign. Arthur Mullen, in charge of finances for the state democratic ticket, and other prominent democrats. The three will go to Lincoln today to meet with the executive committee of the democratic state committee.

U. S. Envoy Quoted Saying U. S. Ready to Aid Wrangel
London, Sept. 9.—The Russian liberation committee here, which is an anti-bolshevik organization, today issued an official statement received from Constantinople saying, among other things:

"The representative of America, Rear Admiral Newton A. McCully, stated to Brandski (minister of finance in General Wrangel's government) that the United States are ready to give him economic aid and asked him to present a list of goods wanted in the Crimea."

Wife of Salesman Declares Husband Travels Too Much
Robert L. Bird is on the wing too much according to a petition for divorce filed by his wife, Ruth, in district court yesterday. They were married in 1915. He is a traveling salesman, earning \$175 a month, and has \$5,000 worth of property, she says. She asks for \$2,000 alimony.

Mason School Has High Kindergarten Enrollment
Mason school holds first place among the public schools of the city with an enrollment this week of 111 kindergarten kiddies. East side school is second with an enrollment of 100.

Molasses, Instead of Raisins, Used to Make Liquor on South Side

Loss of confidence of South Side purchasers in "raisins," the bootleg "hooch" most generally sold in that section of the city, has resulted in manufacturers of the liquor forsaking the use of raisins and turning to molasses, which is said to produce a clear white fluid resembling in both color and kick the famed "white mule."

Federal agents raiding the home of Anton Gillinski at Fortiueh and Y streets yesterday discovered a complete still and a half gallon of the product thereof, which had been made of molasses, among other ingredients. Several jars of fermented molasses were found in the basement of the home.

Gillinski declared that a friend of his owned the still and that this friend had told him he was merely manufacturing wine. Judge Charles S. Foster fined Gillinski \$100 and costs for illegal possession of liquor. He was released on \$300 bond and immediately rearrested by federal authorities.

Arrangements Complete For Peace Meet at Riga
Warsaw, Sept. 9.—(By The Associated Press.)—Levia has given the necessary guarantees to the Russian soviet government and as a result a bolshevik peace delegation will go to Riga to meet Polish representatives, Prince Sapieha, Polish foreign minister, was notified today by George Tchitcherin, Russian bolshevik minister of foreign affairs.

Alexander Lados, secretary of the Polish delegation during the Minsk conference, said the Polish delegates might start on Sunday. Other Polish officials said today they did not expect the delegation to leave until Monday or Tuesday.

Western Ranches Want Larger Bounty on Wolves
Alliance, Neb., Sept. 9.—(Special.)—Due to increasing depredations of wolves and coyotes among the live stock of farmers and ranchers in the western part of Box Butte county, a petition signed by 50 of the live stock men of the county was presented to the board of county commissioners asking that the subject of bounties for wild animals be submitted to the voters at the November election, as provided by law. The 1919 legislature amended the state law, increasing the bounty on wolves from \$3 to \$6 and on coyotes from \$1 to \$3. Until the plan is approved by the voters of each county, however, the law is not effective. In case it is approved, it becomes effective 90 days after election.

Nebraska Grain Growers To Consider Holding Plan
Fairbury, Neb., Sept. 9.—(Special.)—Representatives of the National Wheat Growers association of Oklahoma have issued a call for the wheat growers of Jefferson county to meet at the court house September 18, to consider the proposition of organizing a grain association. The slogan is "Hold your wheat until it brings \$3 a bushel."

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Singapore, Sept. 4.—West Hesselton.
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San Francisco, Sept. 5.—M. J. McKinley, Hilo.
Munster, Castle, Bilbao.

Departures

Arica, Sept. 4.—Belleville, Vancouver.
Shanghai, Sept. 4.—Durango, San Pedro, Hongkong, Sept. 4.—Chinyo Maru, San Francisco.
Manila, Sept. 4.—Ojima, San Francisco.
Machino, Honolulu, Sept. 4.—Colorado, Singapore.