

Pseudo Agent of U.S. Fleeces His Many Fianceses

Former Iowa Man Borrows Money From Kansas City Sweethearts—Posed as Secret Service Operative.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 3.—(Special)—Three years of obscurity, in which his identity was buried, ended today for John A. Hawkins, 45, when he was arrested by J. B. Shelhorse, an operative of the United States secret service, on a charge of impersonating a federal agent.

Hawkins has lived here three years and has posed as a secret service operative, according to a confession he made to Shelhorse. He used his position to make love to women, according to Shelhorse, and after he had become engaged to them, or won their confidence, he would borrow money from them.

His bank book, when he was arrested, showed deposits of more than \$6,000 entered since July 1. One deposit was for \$4,500. Hawkins denied he had "borrowed" that amount from any of his women friends.

The operations of Hawkins were brought to the attention of the federal agents by a physician, a friend of one of the women Hawkins is alleged to have borrowed money from.

The physician called the office of the secret service to advise Hawkins that his fiancée was ill. Shelhorse was surprised when the physician insisted Hawkins was an operative and asked the doctor to explain.

Shelhorse grasped the situation and investigation. He found other women who admitted they had known a man named Hawkins, who posed as an agent. He came here from Iowa, where he managed a mercantile and private detective agency.

He has a wife from whom, he said, he is separated, and a 4-year-old daughter. He said they were living now at Hardin, Mo., with relatives. Hawkins posed as a single man.

Murder Confession Of Peter Treadway Is Reported Repudiated

Philadelphia, Dec. 3.—Another version of the killing of Henry J. Peirce in his apartment here on the night of November 20 was given by Peter D. Treadway, under arrest in connection with the case, according to the police. This time Treadway, in an alleged written confession, claims he was only an eye-witness to the killing and that "Al" Smith, now raising and said by the police to be Marion A. Elliott, did the actual slaying.

Last night the police announced that after he was confronted by J. A. Moss and Marie (Boots) Phillips, he also held in connection with the case, Treadway dramatically exclaimed: "I killed Peirce. Let these others go. I did it." He also is alleged to have said that after "Al" Smith had beaten Treadway to the floor, Treadway smothered him with a towel.

Ben Tryba to Lead 1921 Columbus High

Columbus, Neb., Dec. 3.—(Special)—Ben Tryba, who played left half on this year's high school team, was unanimously elected captain of the team for next year.

Tryba is considered one of the fastest backs in high school football this year.

Governors Urge Creation of Foreign Trade Corporation

Report Contains Recommendation That Reserve Board Use Its Influences to Obtain Aid for Farmers Through System of Rural Credits From Banks.

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 3.—Under the leadership of Gov. W. L. Harding of Iowa and Gov. Thomas W. Bickett of North Carolina, the governors' conference in session here Thursday went on record as favoring creation by the federal government of a foreign trade finance corporation designed to come to the rescue of farmers who face ruin because there is no market for their surplus stocks of foodstuffs, grain and other products.

A report adopted by the governors without discussion included the recommendation that the federal reserve board use its good offices to obtain refunding of farmers' debts through a system of rural credits from banks throughout the country. On account of a rule prohibiting the passage of formal resolutions by the governors' conference, the action taken was not as direct as was contemplated when the proposition was first explained by Governor Harding yesterday. At that time it was proposed that a committee of five governors should go in person to Washington to press passage of suitable legislation.

Accept Resolution. Rather than suspend the rule, the governors decided to accept the proposed resolution simply as a report which it was explained would be equally effective and at the same time avoid committing a possible impropriety.

Speaking at the afternoon session on the subject of "decentralization of government functions" and stressing

Wilson & Company Buy Prize Steer

Grand Champion of International Show Sells for \$1.75 a Pound; To Be Killed Soon.

Chicago, Dec. 3.—All sections of the country were reached in the prize list of the International live stock show today. The Wendover farm of Bernardville, N. J. won the awards of senior and grand champion sow, junior boar and five additional blue ribbons in the Berkshire swine class.

In the Chester White swine division, A. Derenthal of Wykoff, Minn., won the titles for junior, senior and grand champion sow and senior and grand champion boar. He won 12 blue ribbons, five red, three white, one pink and one yellow.

J. H. Patrick of Ilderton, Ont., swept away the prize for champion breeding Lincoln ram. J. C. Mitchell of Dahinda, Sask., captured the special award for the best sample of wheat. John W. Lucas, Calgary, has won the special prize for oats.

J. E. Mummert, Astoria, Ill., won the sweepstakes for a single ear of corn with a sample of yellow corn. In the regional 10-car class, J. J. Shambaugh, Miles City, Mont., won in region one, and Fred C. Carr, San Francisco in region six.

Black Ruler, grand champion steer of the International Live Stock show, has only a few days to live. He was sold at auction today by Purdue university to Wilson & Co., who paid \$1.75 a pound for the big Angus. He weighed 1,360 pounds on the hoof, which will net Purdue \$2,380 for its experimental farm.

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Nebraska Wheat Grower Warns of Bolshevism Wave

Corn Belt Will Grow Bumper Crop of Radicalism Unless Farmers Are Given Aid, J. A. Schroyer Says.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, Dec. 3.—The wheat and corn belt of the west will grow a bumper crop of bolshevism this winter unless the government goes to the financial relief of the farmers, according to J. A. Schroyer, a Nebraska wheat grower, who appeared today before the senate and house agricultural committees as the representative of the Farmers' union.

The two committees spent the afternoon in joint session listening to appeals and ideas for aiding the farmers who are said to be facing bankruptcy as a result of the break in the market for agricultural products. Schroyer told them that Nebraska farmers were using their corn as fuel, because, he said, the price has fallen so low that they find it much cheaper than coal.

To take advantage of the discontent caused by this condition, a flying squadron of 120 radical agitators in automobiles had invaded Nebraska, Schroyer said, and were making many converts. He told of discussing the situation with one of the speakers, who expressed elation over the market slump.

Ask Better Credit. Eugene Meyer, jr., former chairman of the war finance corporation, scored Secretary of the Treasury Houston for suspending the activities of the corporation in its efforts to establish further credits for foreign countries to enable them to buy in America. After hearing Mr. Meyer, the committee decided to invite Secretary Houston and Governor Harding of the federal reserve board to testify tomorrow.

Meyer suggested the floating of \$250,000,000 to \$500,000,000 short term bonds by the war finance corporation for use in extending credit to European countries. He thought it probably would be necessary to allow an interest rate of 6 per cent on such bonds.

In this connection Senator France of Maryland made the statement that

Russia had recently offered \$20,000,000 gold for American products, but because of obstacles interposed by the administration the money had been transferred to London. No ban was placed on it there, he said, and English merchants are now filling the orders and shipping goods to Russia.

Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska urged that the federal reserve board be empowered to use the \$700,000,000 it has accumulated to purchase debentures of the federal farm loan board. Such a transaction would make the \$700,000,000 immediately available for credit to the farmers, and would go a long way to relieve the situation, he said.

Europe Anxious to Buy. Senator Norris of Nebraska, speaking of the existing situation, said: "One of the causes of the present difficulty and one of the things that must be met, is to open up foreign markets to American farm and food products. Practically every country in Europe is anxious to buy what we have to sell, but they cannot pay cash. Some method must be devised to finance foreign purchases and give them time to pay."

"A representative of the Polish government came to my office today to present their situation. He says that Poland wants 300,000 tons of

flour, and other foodstuffs in about the same proportion. They want a large amount of fertilizer, but they cannot pay cash. They have food enough, he told me, to last for about 60 days, and then they will begin to starve unless the situation is relieved.

"Germany, I am informed, is anxious to get all kinds of food for immediate relief, but cannot pay cash. There is another serious complication in the case of Germany. Under the treaty of Versailles the reparations commission has a first mortgage on Germany's resources. The commission has not yet fixed the amount of indemnities that Germany must pay."

"All these things have an immediate bearing upon the present stringency. Reports from practically all agricultural sections show that ruinous conditions exist; that farmers in many cases cannot sell for the cost of harvesting. Stockmen are no better off. The country has the greatest crop in its history, produced at the highest cost, and the farmers face ruin."

To prevent gas escaping when a jet is turned off a rubber thimble that covers it tightly has been invented.

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Celebration of Discovery Of Magellan Straits Ends

Santiago, Chile, Dec. 3.—Foreign delegations here to observe the fourth centennial anniversary of the discovery of the Straits of Magellan will leave for Punta Arenas tomorrow, where they will conclude the program of the celebration. The festivities in this city virtually will end tonight with a ball at the government house, at which there were 2,000 invited guests. Infante Fernando de Baviera, representative of Spain, will return to Santiago from Punta Arenas.

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