

### Barrett Testifies No Holdup Staged In Bluffs Killings

#### Accused Youth Says Pals Went to Pool Hall to Col- lect Debt for One—Says He Was Unarmed.

Calm, never faltering under direct or cross examination, Clifford Barrett on trial in district court at Council Bluffs on a charge of shooting Pedro Jimenez and Steve Kilbarado to death on the night of February 25 in an attempted hold-up in the restaurant and pool hall of Pete Potkanak, told his version yesterday of the shooting which resulted in the death of five men.

Barrett denied that he and his two companions, John McLaughlin and Harold Roberts, who were killed in the night, went to the pool hall with masks or with any intentions of holding up the place.

"We went there at the suggestion of John McLaughlin," Barrett testified. "McLaughlin told us he wanted to see Steve Kilbarado, who owed him money."

"We went inside and I stood by the door while McLaughlin walked over toward a man I supposed was Kilbarado. My attention was attracted toward a commotion outside which sounded like an automobile collision and I stepped out. "Suddenly I heard shots and immediately someone sprang on me from the rear and pinioned my hands behind me and threw me to the floor. "While I was down Pete Kilbarado went through my pockets, took my watch and a sum of money. "I tussled with the man who was holding me down and who I recognized as Nick Dupor. While I was tussling Peter shot me in the abdomen. "Finally I got to my feet and staggered outside. I saw John McLaughlin staggering toward me and then it flashed through my mind that as I entered the pool hall when I heard the shots I saw Roberts' body prostrate on the floor.

#### Sticks to Story.

"But I couldn't stop. I was unarmed and staggered outside, where I crawled and staggered to the home of a negro, where the police found me." Barrett's testimony was not altered in any particular detail by grueling cross-examination of County Attorney Charles E. Swanson. The pool hall in which the murders occurred is located at Fifteenth avenue and Sixteenth street.

### Socialists Arrest Street Car Heads and Call "Black Maria"

Davenport, Ia., Dec. 3.—Socialist city officials caused today the arrest of President Dennen of the Tri-City Street Railway company, and had General Manager Hinton and Assistant Manager Roderick rearrested. All were carted to the police station in a patrol wagon and in court were fined. The officials later in district court obtained a restraining order preventing further arrests.

Car men and officials, except the president of the company, who was out of town, are charged with violating the franchise ordinance because of entrapment of service. Today the officials were fined \$100 and costs on each of five counts and the crew members were fined \$25 each. All appealed.

### Man Who Defrauded Farmers Sent to Pen

Montpelier, Vt., Dec. 3.—A sentence of 10 years in the federal prison at Atlanta, Ga., was imposed upon Joseph R. Batten, alias Henry Anderson and J. B. Harper, in the federal court here yesterday for using the mails in a scheme to defraud. Batten, who is under indictment on similar charges in Washington, North Dakota, Texas and California, has previously served a number of prison terms.

The testimony showed that Batten sent letters to farmers offering them a high price for their products if they would ship it to him. It was alleged that upon receipt of the produce he sold it to a Springfield, Mass., concern and left this state without paying the farmers.

### Disorders in Fermoey Are Said to Be Reprisal's Act

London, Dec. 3.—Disorders in Fermoey, County Cori, Ireland, yesterday, are said in dispatches to the Daily Mail to have been in reprisal for the kidnaping of former Captain Prendergast and two other men in the village of Fermoey Wednesday night. A drapery shop was set on fire and the proprietor was thrown in the River Blackwater.

### Britain to Make Public Documents of DeValera

London, Dec. 3.—Premier Lloyd George stated in the house of commons that documents found in the possession of Eamon De Valera when he was arrested in May, 1918, would be included in those which the government is about to make public. These documents the premier asserted, implicated the Irish republican army in the German conspiracy.

### Minister Held on Charge Of Killing Inn Proprietor

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 3.—Rev. J. O. L. Spracklin, Methodist minister and Canadian liquor license inspector, who shot and killed Beverly Trumble, inn proprietor, during a raid on the latter's hotel, was bound to the court of assizes on a charge of "killing and slaying."

### Governors Conclude Their Annual Convention Today

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 3.—Without making their expected announcement of the state capital selected for next year's meeting, the conference of governors concluded its third and last session before noon today and entrained for Philadelphia where the executives were to be the city's guests for the remainder of the day.

### Girl, 15, Most "Perfect" Child In Windy City



Fifteen-year-old Edith Fletcher of Chicago has the distinction of being the most "perfect" girl in the Windy City. Miss Fletcher, a student in Hyde Park High school, was a contestant in the perfect child contests held recently in the Coliseum, Chicago. She was picked by the judges to be the most perfect in health.

### January 1 Will Show Reduction In National Debt

Last Quarter of Present Year  
Is Expected to Bring Big  
Cut From Total of  
September.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 3.—Despite the increase of \$112,646,577 in the public debt during November, announced by the treasury, officials of the department declared at the end of the year a reduction of \$300,000,000 could be expected from the gross debt of \$24,087,000,000, as it stood on September 30.

On November 30, the nation's debt was \$24,175,156,244 compared with \$24,092,509,727, on October 30. Officials explained, however, that the November 15 issue of treasury certificates, amounting to \$232,000,000 with only \$94,000,000 in certificates maturing in the month, was mainly responsible for the increase.

Reduction in the public debt is only possible as tax instalments come due quarterly, officials declared. With judicious financing, it was confidently asserted that the last quarter of this year would show a reduction of from \$100,000,000 to \$300,000,000 from the September total.

Nearly \$700,000,000 of treasury certificates mature December 15, officials said, with approximately \$650,000,000 due the treasury from income and excess profits taxes, to meet this debt. But the semi-annual interest, aggregating about \$140,000,000 on the first Liberty loan and the Victory loan also is payable on December 15, and in addition, ordinary requirements not covered by current receipts are to be met through issuance of treasury certificates of indebtedness.

### Two Copper Companies Pass Their Dividends

New York, Dec. 3.—Dividends on Chino Copper and Nevada Consolidated companies were passed today at the quarterly directors' meetings. Three months ago dividends on Chino and Nevada Consolidated were at the rate of 37 cents and 25 cents, respectively.

Regular dividends on Utah Copper and Kay Consolidated Copper were declared today.

A statement giving the reasons for the suspension of dividends on Chino and Nevada Consolidated referred to unfavorable market conditions and the desire of financial interests to conserve their cash resources.

### China Declines Proposal For Joint Aid for Russia

Peking, Dec. 3.—China declines to consider proposals by the diplomatic corps in Peking for the joint administration of the affairs of Russian residents in China. In replying to the diplomats' note, the government claims the treatment accorded Russians has been entirely correct and will continue to be so.

### Indianapolis Preacher Held as Dry Law Violator

Nashville, Ind., Dec. 3.—Rev. Archie Sirbu, pastor of the Roumanian orthodox church of Indianapolis, was arrested here today by federal agents, charged with violating the federal prohibition law.

### Propriety of Dancing Threatens to Disrupt Milton School Morale

Milton, Wis., Dec. 3.—A discussion of the propriety of dancing, precipitated by the first dance held here in 35 years, threatens disruption of Milton college circles. Arthur M. Mills, editor of the college paper, has resigned as a result of criticism following the ball, it is reported, is discussing proposals to make participation in a dance an offense punishable by expulsion.

A dancing exhibition given by three girls in modish ballet costume at a literary society meeting was denounced in chapel by W. C. DeLand, president of the college. Dancing, card playing and use of tobacco are rigidly prohibited at the college.

### Harding Replies To Demands for Rate Reduction

#### Governor of Federal Reserve Board Says Change Now Would Have "Unset- tling Effect."

Washington, Dec. 3.—An appeal by Senator Owen, democrat, of Oklahoma, to the federal reserve board for a general lowering of its discount rates, brought a response from W. P. G. Harding, the board's governor, which declared that the organization was "reluctant to discuss proposed changes in discount rates" because such discussion would "have an unsettling effect and give those best in position to form an opinion as to the probable action of the board an advantage over those not thus situated."

Senator Owen's letter said that reserve bank earnings from present discount rates were running at 150 per cent per annum "putting the government in the position of profiteering" and in some cases absolutely "stopping legitimate distribution."

Governor Harding countered with the statement that the senator was "ignoring the economic forces governing the movement in prices, which for months past have been in evidence all over the world."

The board believes the unfavorable conditions which are now the subject of so much complaint were inevitable, "and could not in any event, have been long deferred. It confidently asserts that but for the precautionary measures taken several months ago, conditions would be far worse than they are, with the prospects of stabilization and revival much more remote."

To the profiteering charge, Governor Harding retorted that the profit of reserve banks, after paying the government franchise tax, would be not 150 per cent or more, but barely 7 per cent on their liability to stockholders.

### Aid for Airplane Industry Urged

#### Annual Report of U. S. Air Chief Sees Dire Outlook Without Help.

Washington, Dec. 3.—Unless the government assists the airplane industry, Major General Menoher, in his annual report made public last night, said "it cannot hope to depend upon the availability of suitable commercial aircraft and facilities for their employment nor upon the existence of manufacturing plants and supplies of materials necessary for the rapid production of aircraft in time of war."

A contract for purchase of the Italian T-34, the largest semi-rigid airship in the world, has been made, the report said, but efforts to obtain from Germany a rigid airship of the latest type has failed.

Among the experimental accomplishments of the design and successful test of an armored ground attack three-seater triplane mounting eight machine guns and a 37-millimeter cannon is reported. Contracts for ten of them have been let.

### Lad Sentenced to Die Confesses Killing Two In Holdup in Chicago

Chicago, Dec. 3.—Nicholas Viana, former choir boy and known as the "Song Bird" of the county jail, made a complete confession to participation in the killing of Andrew Bowman and Benedict Wendell in a holdup.

The confession came after Gov. Frank O. Lowden refused to pardon him. Viana is sentenced to die on the gallows December 10.

### Senate to Investigate Anthracite Coal Prices

Washington, Dec. 3.—Senate investigation into the prices of anthracite coal will begin in New York Saturday, it was announced by Senator Calder, chairman of the senate committee of inquiry. Senator Calder said the governors of the New England states had requested the investigation.

### When you look out of your window on Christmas Morning

Will you find  
in the driveway  
a beautiful

### CADILLAC?

Could you think of  
a more wonderful  
gift for the whole family?

Call Mr. Hansen. He  
will help you arrange it!

666 will break a Cold, Fever  
and Grippe quicker than any-  
thing we know, preventing  
pneumonia.

### Record Attendance At Convention of Iowa State Nurses

Chester, Ia., Dec. 3.—(Special)—The Iowa State Nurses' association in session here today was marked

by the largest attendance in the history of the organization. Over 160 nurses were present.

Miss Mary Haarer, state president, presided at the meetings. Miss Emma Wilson of Des Moines, who has attended every meeting of the organization, spoke on the community hospital plan in operation here. She was loud in her praise of the public

health service program carried out here.

President Haarer stated that Creston was leading the entire state in public health work. Balloting on officers was one of the leading features today. Private duty nurses gave a playlet and student nurses showed hospital methods. Miss Maud McGulgin spoke on

her nursing experiences in Turkey and Dr. F. E. Sampson and A. E. Watts spoke at a buffet luncheon.

#### Secretary Colby to Sail For South America Soon

Washington, Dec. 3.—Secretary Colby plans to leave Washington to-

day on the first stage of his voyage to South America to return the recent visits of the president-elect of Brazil, Pessoa, and President Baltasar Brum of Uruguay, and to be the guest of the Argentine government at Buenos Aires. He will sail from Norfolk on the battleship Florida Saturday, according to present plans.

The Children's Wearing Apparel Sections are filled with practical gift suggestions.

# BURGESS-NASH COMPANY

"EVERYBODY'S STORE"

BARBER BILL BARBER SHOP where children have their hair bobbed and ride a hobby horse at the same time. Fourth Floor

## Santa Claus Invites You To Wonderland's Toytown

### In the Down Stairs Store of the Burgess-Nash New Building

#### Teddy Bears

Dear, little, cuddly bears that the children love to play with. The prices are very low for Saturday.

10-inch size	..... \$ .69
12-inch size	..... 1.29
16-inch size	..... 1.79
18-inch size	..... 2.19
20-inch size	..... 2.49

#### Play Dishes

Every girl likes to have toy dishes to play house with. Here are dishes of china, enamel, metal and tin in big and little sets. Priced from 39c to \$7.75.

#### Lawrence Airplanes

Every boy as well as their fathers will be interested in the Lawrence airplanes. There are airplanes made and ready to fly, construction sets, and airplane models. No matter what kind you want, you can find it among these on display in Toytown priced from 95c to \$25.00.

#### Toy Drums

Drums, drums, drums, every kind imaginable, from the tiny toy drum to the large military ones. Priced from 75c to \$4.95.

Automobiles	Games, all kinds
Kiddy Kars	Dolls, imported and domestic
Igo Kars	Dolls, hand-painted
Sleds	Dolls, rag
Artificial Christmas Trees	Dolls, character
Reversible Game Boards	Dishes, all kinds
Kindergarten Sets	Organettes
	Toy Pianos
	Horns and Trumpets

#### Building Blocks

Let the children play with toys that are educational as well as lots of fun. Here are blocks for educational and construction work, priced from 35c to \$2.25.

#### Iron Toys

Hundreds of them. Fire trucks, automobiles, fire engines, ambulances, trains, etc., in fact, most any kind of a toy that a boy would want. Make your selections early while the assortment is complete.

#### Stuffed Doll

Children all love the stuffed dolls that cannot be broken, the kind that can be taken anywhere. These are hand-painted and are prettily dressed with knit jackets, or dainty dresses. Guaranteed washable. Special, at \$7.95.

#### Tenpins

Plain and fancy striped tenpins will make a splendid gift for the youngster. Priced from \$1.75 to \$3.75 a set.

#### Simplex Typewriters

\$1.50  
With one of these typewriters the children can write their own letters. A toy that they will enjoy every day in the year. Priced from \$1.50 up.

Humpy-Dumpy Circus	Boys' Cannons
Shoo Fly Rocking	Tool Chests
Horses	Mechanical Trains
Rocking and Swinging	Electrical Trains
Horses	Building Blocks
Velocipedes	Kitchen Cabinets
Coaster Wagons	Kitchen Wash Sets
Children's Furniture	Structo Sets
Doll Furniture	Boats
Tenpin Sets	Drums

### A Special Sale of Walk-O Cars

Saturday at  
**69c**

There is no toy that children enjoy more than these Walk-O Cars like the illustration. They are made of wood, varnished and painted yellow, with red wheels. Suitable for children 2 1/2 to 4 yrs. Very special for Saturday at 69c each.

Toytown—Downstairs Store.

## A Place of Wonderful Surprises Where Children's Dreams Come True

It is just like a dream, and you'll hold your breath in wonder when you see all the things that Santa has in store for you in Toytown. He has all his toys right here in Burgess-Nash where you can see them for yourself and pick out the things you want him to give you for Christmas. Over in the corner surrounded by toys is Santa Claus himself, dear old Santa Claus who is loved by all and who has come from his home at the North Pole to find out what every little boy and girl wants for Christmas. After you have talked to Santa Claus you look around and there right before you is a great, big cage and in it is a couple of the cutest little monkeys, and next to them is "Peter Pan," not Peter Pan of the story books, but a real, live pony named "Peter Pan." In a minute you hear music and there are five children all dressed up like clowns in the circus, and pretty soon they begin to play the piano, violin, banjo, saxophone and the drums—and then "Peter Pan," the pony, appears on a big stage built right in the middle of Toytown. Here he does all kinds of tricks—he answers questions, does contortion stunts, dances, in fact, he does everything but talk. After "Peter Pan" has finished his performance, the "Wonder Man" comes out on the stage and does all kinds of magical tricks with balls, handkerchiefs, cards and so many other things we can't think of them all. And then you wander through Toytown and see the beautiful toys and you rub your eyes and think it is all a dream, but it's not, it's all real and you'll enjoy every minute you spend here. Some come, and be sure to bring your mother and father, for they will enjoy it as much as you.

TO THE GROWNUPS—If you haven't kiddies of your own, find someone else's child and make them happy by bringing them to Toytown.

### Beautiful, Big DOLLS

Specially Priced for Saturday at  
**\$1.69**

A combination bisque and china doll with lovely brown hair and sleeping eyes. Jointed limbs, 20 inches in height. An opportunity to buy the kiddie the doll she wants for Christmas at a real bargain.

Toytown—Downstairs Store.

### "Peter Pan"

#### The Educated Trick Pony

Every child and grownup will enjoy "Peter Pan," the famous actor pony who can answer questions, do tricks, pick out colors, dance, in fact, things that no other pony can do. He will give four performances Saturday in order to accommodate the large crowds that come to see him.

### Parents Please Read This

#### The Need of Selecting Toys at Once

Is emphasized by the fact that, though our assortments are ample, there is no assurance that we can replenish them promptly or in time for Christmas except at a considerable advance in cost. If you would be favored with wide choice and low prices—choose immediately. Bring the kiddies with you and take note of their preferences—then make your selections and we will keep them for you until Christmas.

You will enjoy bringing the children to Burgess-Nash Toytown for it is located in the Downstairs Store of our new building and there is no need of using crowded elevators or long tiresome stairways to reach it. It is light and well ventilated and an enjoyable and healthy place for the little tots to be in.

### The Wonder Man

#### Who Does Marvelous Tricks

Will show you all kinds of wonderful tricks just like Aladdin. No matter how old you are you will like the Wonder Man, so be sure to see him Saturday.

### The Circus Parade in Burgess-Nash Toytown

Hark! Hark!	Bears growl,	Big Moose,	Giraffes tall,
The Dogs do bark,	And Tigers howl,	And Old Mother Goose,	And Zebras so small,
The circus has come,	When the circus comes	Come with the circus	Are with the circus
To Burgess-Nash.	To Burgess-Nash.	To Burgess-Nash.	In Burgess-Nash.
The Camel with humps,	Then Elephants gray,	Indians that yell,	From far and from near,
And a pony that jumps,	And little clowns gay,	And a clown with a bell,	These animals queer,
Parade and parade	Parade and parade	Parade and parade	Parade and parade
Through Burgess-Nash.	Through Burgess-Nash.	Through Burgess-Nash.	Through Burgess-Nash