

Dr. Fields Guilty of Girl's Death

Jury Returns Verdict Against Physician Accused of Performing Illegal Operation On Hayes Center Maid.

Prisoner May Appeal

Dr. Leslie S. Fields, Omaha physician, was found guilty by a jury in District Judge Troup's court late yesterday, of causing the death of Ruth Ayer, 19-year-old Hayes Center, Neb., girl, by performing an illegal operation on her sweetieheart.

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Electric Light Concern Submits Lengthy Exhibits in Defense for Consideration

The company submitted 23 typewritten exhibits and offered oral testimony of two New York experts and several of its officials in a presentation of what it believes to be a complete argument in defense of the application for increased revenues.

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Liberals Plan Fight In Senate

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La Follette Takes Lead

By The Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 17.—A series of conferences attended by several senators, representatives and labor leaders, was begun today for the announced purpose of achieving "a better coordination of the liberal forces of the country with their representatives in the house and senate."

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Walden, Mass., Dec. 17.—William Hanson, who says he is heir to \$1,000,000, lost his job as janitor in a store because of sudden popularity. He said that he had determined to get away from the maddening crowd by finding work as a steeplejack, but had been forced to compromise by getting a job as a roofer's helper. There he hoped to be entirely out of reach of telephone calls, mail carriers and matrimonial adventuresses.

Towl Submits Tentative Plan To Dike River

Property Owners of North and East Omaha Will Ask Congress to Consider Matter—Cost to Be Estimated.

That part of the "Onward Omaha" movement which is being championed by the industrial bureau of the Chamber of Commerce, the proposition of diking the North and East Omaha district of the river front, was tentatively launched yesterday at a meeting held in the Chamber's rooms.

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COLE AND GRAMMER IN DEATH CELL

Supreme Court to Hear Application for Suspension of Cole Sentence Today—Stay Is Denied.

SUMMON EXECUTIONER FROM MASSACHUSETTS

Grammer to Be Executed Monday, It Is Announced, Even If Companion's Appeal Is Successful.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 17.—(Special Telegram).—Refusing to make any comment on their changing fortunes, Alton Cole and Allen Grammer were taken to the death chamber in the state penitentiary late this afternoon. This cell will be their home until they take their final march to the electric chair Monday for the murder of Mrs. Lulu Vogt in Howard county in 1917.

The chair was prepared for them a year ago and stands in the next room to the death chamber. Not until their transfer to the death cell were they informed that they had again been reprieved for three days.

No stay of sentence for Cole was denied by the supreme court this afternoon and tomorrow at 10 o'clock set as the time for hearing the application of J. M. Priest, Cole's attorney, for a suspension of sentence. Assistant Attorney General Wheeler informed the court that a formal order of the court or a judge would be required to stop the execution. He stated that no reprieve would be granted on the mere filing of an application in the court. All of the judges were present at the hearing.

Execution of Alton B. Cole and Allen V. Grammer next Monday was ordered by Governor McKelvie today. No official hour is set. Edward B. Currier of Boston has been summoned to Lincoln to throw the switch on the electric chair around the state house. These reports are neither denied nor affirmed officially.

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Poffenbarger "Ragged" For Asking Others to Join in Mail Robbery

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 17.—(Special).—All the way from Des Moines to the federal prison in Leavenworth, Kan., Orville Phillips "ragged" Fred Poffenbarger for "ringing in" Keith Collins and the rest of the Poffenbarger family on the mail train robbery in Council Bluffs, November 13, according to Superintendent of Police Marshall Miller, who has just returned from taking the mail train robbery to trial.

Phillips told Superintendent Miller, he said, that he planned the whole robbery himself and asked Poffenbarger to help. He said Poffenbarger didn't tell him anything about Collins and the others in the robbery. He said that all he got out of the loot was \$97 and a bunch of bonds "about as valuable as a bunch of old newspapers." Phillips continued to maintain that his brother, Merle, awaiting trial, had nothing to do with the robbery, and told his story merely trying to protect Orville.

Secretary Tumulty Plans To Practice Law in Capital

Washington, Dec. 17.—Joseph P. Tumulty, secretary to President Wilson, announced that he had declined the appointment as a chief justice of the court of customs appeals which had been offered him by the president and that he would begin the practice of law in Washington after March 4.

Trade Unions in Province Of Valencia to Dissolve

Valencia, Spain, Dec. 17.—Orders have been issued by the governor for the dissolution of all trades unions in the province. He is sending notices to the masters of the various clubs asking them to take the strictest measures to prohibit union activities.

San Francisco Bay Ferry Boat Employes to Strike

San Francisco, Dec. 17.—Organized workers on San Francisco bay ferries announced they will quit work tomorrow night at 12 o'clock as a result of a denial of their demands for a wage increase. The ferries carry approximately 50,000 passengers daily, most of them commuters between San Francisco and other bay cities.

The Weather

Forecast. Saturday, fair; not much change in temperature. Hourly Temperatures. 5 a. m. 27.0, 6 a. m. 26.1, 7 a. m. 25.1, 8 a. m. 24.1, 9 a. m. 23.1, 10 a. m. 22.1, 11 a. m. 21.1, 12 m. 20.1, 1 p. m. 19.1, 2 p. m. 18.1, 3 p. m. 17.1, 4 p. m. 16.1, 5 p. m. 15.1, 6 p. m. 14.1, 7 p. m. 13.1, 8 p. m. 12.1, 9 p. m. 11.1, 10 p. m. 10.1, 11 p. m. 9.1, 12 m. 8.1. At noon, wind velocity, 14 miles an hour. Shipper's Bulletin. Projected shipments during the next 24 to 48 hours from temperatures as follows: north and east, 20 degrees; south, 25 degrees; west, 15 degrees.

ARE YOU IN THE BEE MOVIE STAR CONTEST See Page 20.