

Seven Barrels Of Alcohol Found Near Railroad

\$100,000 Worth of Booze Stolen From Burlington Train in Bluffs Recovered by Officers.

Seven barrels of alcohol, valued at \$94,000, were dunned from a Burlington train from Kansas City along the right side of the track about a mile north of Lake Manawa Friday night. The theft was discovered as the train arrived at the station in Council Bluffs and Special Agent G. H. Johnson went on the case.

With Fred Bascom of the city detective force, Johnson went along the track until the barrels were located. Five of the barrels were found within a distance of five blocks.

Two of the barrels, with contents estimated to be worth \$26,880, were missing.

Man Walking Tracks.

While investigating, the two officers saw a man plodding along the tracks toward the barrels.

Seeing the dark forms of the officers, the man whistled, long and low. The officers returned the whistle and the man approached them, only to look down the barrels of their automatic pistols.

He was recognized at once as L. A. Bigley, 510 Twenty-fifth avenue, who is now under indictment in federal court for the alleged thefts of automobile tires from several interstate shipments.

Revolver Is Taken.

Bigley was arrested for investigation. The officer relieved him of a .45-caliber revolver and a belt of cartridges he was wearing.

Further search of the vicinity failed to disclose the other two barrels or a truck which might have been used in hauling the barrels from the scene of the theft.

No other men were near the scene except Bigley.

Bigley was arraigned in police court yesterday on charges of carrying concealed weapons. He was ordered held to the grand jury in \$500 bail, which was furnished.

Farmer Held Guilty Of Shooting by Jury

James Harbour, farmer, was found guilty of manslaughter for the shooting of George Mikesell, by a jury in district court in Council Bluffs yesterday, after a deliberation lasting from 12:20 Friday noon when the case was given to them by Judge J. B. Rockefeller.

Harbour wept while attorneys were making their final arguments yesterday and sobbed loudly when the clerk read the instructions of the court to the jury. His former wife, Mrs. Mikesell, widow of the murdered man, and their young daughter, who testified against Harbour during the trial, were unmoved. Harbour will probably be sentenced early next week, unless an application for new trial is filed by his attorneys.

Sheriff to Treat Boarders At Dinner on Christmas

Sheriff Mike Clark will be host to 150 Christmas dinner guests in his hotel on the fifth floor of the court house, and he "stands" to lose about 60 cents on each guest.

The "down and outers" who are up and inners at present will sit down to this Christmas menu: Roast chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie, pickles, olives, bread, coffee.

The sheriff receives 33 cents a day for boarding the prisoners. That has to cover the three meals a day. Whatever he loses on the Christmas dinner comes out of his own pocket.

Council Holds Star Chamber Session on Light Hearing

Mayor Smith and the city commissioners held a closed conference yesterday to discuss their line of procedure in connection with the Nebraska Power company's application for increased rates.

"We are sitting as judges in this case and it is not proper to interrogate a judge during the progress of a case," was the mayor's reply this morning to an inquiring newspaper man.

The city officials expect to analyze the company's statements and to be ready to hold the second phase of the hearing on July 17.

Chop Suey Parlor Must Get Dance Hall Permit, Is Rule

The Far East cafe, 1408 Farnam street, will be required to obtain a dance hall permit or stop its practice of allowing dancing to the music of a mechanism which responds when patrons drop a coin into a slot provided for that purpose.

That was the order of O. M. Adams, superintendent of the Board of Public Welfare, after he conferred yesterday with Mayor Smith, in company with members of the Welfare board.

Man Just Released From Hospital Struck by Train

J. W. De Lay, 55, and blind in one eye, who was released from a period of long illness in the Edmundson hospital in Council Bluffs last Monday, was taken to the Mercy hospital Friday night suffering from mangled legs as a result of being struck by Northwestern passenger train No. 160 at Thirteenth street and Fourth avenue. His condition was low yesterday and attendants at the hospital hold out little hope for his recovery because of his age and recent illness.

Builders' Committee to Sit at Light Hearing

Alfred C. Kennedy, president of the Building Owners' and Managers' association, has appointed a committee to sit in the hearing of the application of the Nebraska Power company for an increased schedule of electric light and power rates, to be resumed before the city council early in January.

Ernest Sweet of the association charges the power company with action similar to the Omaha Tenants' Protective league making useless paper.

Lieut. Pat O'Brien, Pilot Of War Fame, Kills Self



Los Angeles, Dec. 18.—Lieut. Pat O'Brien, famous world war aviator, was found dead in a room in a downtown hotel here last night. The police said there was a bullet wound in the forehead and a revolver near by.

O'Brien, an American, went to Canada early in the world war and enlisted in the royal flying corps. He was captured by the Germans, but escaped while on the way from one internment camp to another. He wrote a book on his experiences.

He had been employed here by a motion picture company.

A report setting forth that Lieutenant O'Brien, officer of the Royal flying corps in the world war, had committed suicide was filed today by police detectives who investigated the case.

Will Not Hold Inquest.

It was stated at the detective bureau here that the case would not be an inquest. Lieutenant O'Brien was found with a bullet wound in his forehead and an army pistol at his side. Police said he had tried and failed to effect a reconciliation with his wife, a motion picture actress.

O'Brien, the detective said, came here from Oakland yesterday and went to the hotel where his wife had a room. He took another room and telephoned to her, according to the report. Mrs. O'Brien, it was de-

clared, replied she was too ill to see him. A few minutes later attendants heard a shot fired. O'Brien was found dead.

A note in O'Brien's handwriting was discovered in the room, addressed to his wife, as follows:

Note Found in Room.
"Only a coward would do as I am doing, but I guess I am one. With all my war record, I am just like the rest of the people in this world—a little bit of clay. And to you, my sweet little wife, I go thinking of you. And my dear sweet mother—my sisters and brothers.

"And may the just God that answered my prayers in those two days that I spent in making my escape from Germany once more answer them.

"And bring trouble, sickness, disgrace and more bad luck than anyone else in this world has ever had, and curse forever that awful woman, that has broken up my home and taken you from me; the woman that stood in my home and gave (several words blurred). She caused this life of mine, that just a few months ago was happy, to go on that sweet adventure of death.

"Please send what you find back to my dear mother in Mokenca, Ill. To the five armies I have been in, the birds, the animals I love so well, to my friends; to all the world of adventure—I say goodbye."

Lieutenant O'Brien was a native of Richmond, Cal., where he was born 33 years ago.

Mother Notified.

Mokenca, Ill., Dec. 18.—Mrs. Maggie O'Brien, mother of Lieut. Pat O'Brien, the aviator, who was found dead in a Los Angeles hotel last night, said today that she had received a message from her daughter, Mrs. Clara Clegg, who went to Los Angeles two weeks ago to spend the winter with her brother, stating he had committed suicide.

Lieutenant O'Brien left his home here several months ago to take charge of an automobile agency in Los Angeles and later became identified with a motion picture concern.

Man Doesn't Miss Divorced Wife, But Needs Furniture

Andrea Binzini, 1455 Evans street, was able to bear separation from his wife, but he needs his furniture badly, he told Justice of the Peace Collins yesterday. Andrea swore out a writ of replevin to obtain several articles of household goods from his former wife, Angelina Gigliotti, 2729 Ohio street, from whom he is divorced.

"I pay her alimony, that's plenty," Andrea declared.

Ambulance Company Men To Hold Annual Banquet

The original Omaha Ambulance company, No. 335, was to hold its second annual banquet and meeting in the rathskeller of the Hotel Henshaw last night, in commemoration of its return from the battlefields of France. Five former officers and 122 men were to attend. R. S. Jones, chairman of the committee on arrangements, has arranged to have the Henshaw dance orchestra play during the meeting.

City Electrician Urges Safety In Xmas Trimmings

Israel Lovitt, city electrician, advises merchants and others to adopt safety-first measures in Christmas decorations. He warns against the use of inflammable materials in window displays and on Christmas trees.

Why Did They Do It? Because They Had To

Chief Eberstein wore one. Inspector Pattullo wore one. Police Judge Foster wore one. Chief of Detectives Van Deusen wore one.

Hans Nielsen, chief of the identification bureau, wore one.

So did Mrs. Emily Byrom, Bertillon expert.

What? Big, heavy overcoats. Why? Because the furnace at Central police headquarters went on a strike yesterday and 15 little oil stoves, going full blast, couldn't heat the atmosphere enough.

Mail Flyer Who Set 1-Day Record Flight Visits Here

Pilot J. F. Moore Made Round Trip Between Cheyenne and Salt Lake In Day "For the Service."

James F. Moore, first air mail pilot to make a round trip flight from Cheyenne to Salt Lake City and back between dawn and darkness, arrived in Omaha Friday with a cargo of air mail from the west, and hopped off Ak-Sar-Ben field at noon today for the return trip to Cheyenne.

Pilot Moore's muscles were still stiffened when he reached Omaha Friday night from the exposure of his record flight. He made the round trip flight Wednesday, leaving the field at Cheyenne at 5:42 in the morning and arriving there on his return journey at 4:48 the same afternoon.

Crosses Rockies Twice.

On that flight he crossed the Rocky mountains twice, covering 800 miles, with 400 pounds of mail, and making but two stops, one at Rock Springs, Wyo., on the westward journey, and the other at Salt Lake City, when he exchanged cargoes of mail.

He did not stop for lunch in Salt Lake. His westward flight was made in five hours 28 minutes and his return trip in three hours four minutes. He reached an altitude as high as 14,000 feet.

"Storms forced me north out of my route," said Pilot Moore, recounting his experience while in Omaha Friday night, "and I had to fly over Elk mountain, the highest peak on the Cheyenne division.

Is Still Stiff.

"Strapped in the fuselage of my DeHavilland for eight hours and a half, I was numb with cold when my trip was finished. I'm still a little stiff from the trip."

When asked how he came to make the round trip in the winter weather, Pilot Moore unconsciously sounded the keynote for the success of the continental air mail service.

"None of the pilots had arrived from the west and the service was impaired," he said. "I made the return trip the same day to protect the service."

Friday flight to Omaha was Pilot Moore's second trip here.

Trials of Motor Drivers In Bluffs Are Continued

Trial in Council Bluffs police court of Emery D. Eakin, 412 Curtis street, who ran his automobile into the front of the Eagle laundry a week ago while speeding to the bedside of his father, J. L. Eakin, in Mercy hospital, where he lay with a fractured skull received when an automobile driven by Oscar Lee, R. F. D. No. 2, at Park avenue and Broadway a few hours before, was continued yesterday to December 24. Eakin is charged with operating a motor car while intoxicated and fast and reckless driving. Lee's trial on charges of reckless driving was also continued to January 3 because of the critical condition of the elder Eakin.

Negro Holdups Rob Laborer, 60, of \$209, Five Months' Savings

Less than five minutes after reaching Omaha Friday night with \$209, savings of five months from wages for work on a farm near Blair, Neb., Dan Smith, 60, was held up and robbed by two negroes, who headed his pleas for a few dollars with which to eat and sleep until he might find employment by returning his purse containing small change. Smith went to stay with friends on the South Side while the police seek his assailants.

Wonderful Baby Grands Especially Priced at Oakfords

Steinway Baby Grand, style O, ebonized case, cost new \$1,470, now on sale \$1,195

Kurtzmann Baby Grand, beautiful brown mahogany, a perfect gem \$940

Geo. Steck Baby Grand, extraordinary in tone, quality and action .. \$1,095

Upright Piano Bargains

It will most certainly pay you well to call at 1807 Farnam St., just two doors east of the Wellington Inn, to hear, test and examine these great bargains.

Upright Grand, polished mahogany \$225

Upright Grand, strictly modern in satin finish mahogany \$295

Upright Grand, a beauty in nice walnut case \$275

Upright Grand, polished golden oak case, perfect \$385

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And bring happiness to the whole family. Let us suggest to you

OUR SPECIAL OUTFIT A
Sonora Travatore with ten 10-inch double-face Victor Records. Very easy payments. \$133.50

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Sonora Nocturne with ten 10-inch double-face Victor Records. Easy payments \$168.50

SPECIAL OUTFIT C
Sonora Minuet with twelve 10-inch double-face Victor Records. Very easy payments. \$225.20

OUR SPECIAL OUTFIT D
Sonora Baby Grand with twelve 10-inch double-face Victor Records. Very easy payments. \$245.20

OAKFORD Music Co. 1807 Farnam Omaha Neb.

Air Mail Ace Is Still Stiff From Record Run



JAMES F. MOORE

Autoist Flees After Running Down Attorney

An unidentified autoist fled after he had run down Fred W. Anheuser, 3204 Cumming, an attorney, at Seventeenth and Harney streets at noon yesterday.

Mr. Anheuser, was thrown to the pavement. His left knee was cut badly and his clothes torn. He was unable to obtain the license number of the automobile that struck him.

Detroit Street Railway Announces Wage Reduction

Detroit, Dec. 18.—The Detroit United Railway company announced today that effective January 1, wages of its motormen and conductors would be reduced possibly as much as 20 per cent. The reason given was that the company was losing money.

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Man Whose Wife Went to Dance Tries Suicide

Thanksgiving Day Reconciliation Is Short-Lived—Attorney's Advice Against Violence Comes to Naught.

Jealousy of his wife is said to have prompted John Morlan to attempt to kill himself at his home, 622 South Twentieth street, Friday night. He was found unconscious on the porch of the house by Ruth Farnell, a roomer.

Several months ago his wife sued him in district court for a divorce. His attorney, Ross Shotwell, effected a reconciliation on Thanksgiving day and the couple went back to try to live together.

Morlan said during the divorce proceedings that if his wife secured a divorce he would kill himself.

Last Thursday evening at 11 o'clock Morlan called up, Mr. Shotwell said yesterday.

"He told me he had seen his wife at a dance with a man employed in a certain department store," said Mr. Shotwell. "He was laboring under great mental excitement and told me he was going to 'fix them.' I persuaded him to do nothing violent. He mentioned suicide, and I dissuaded him from that."

Mrs. Morlan told police that her husband's act of Friday night followed an argument. She went with him to the hospital.

He is in a critical condition.

Omaha Death Rate Is Lowest in U. S.

6.8 Per Thousand Is Omaha Record for Week—57 Cities Average 11.

Omaha's death rate during the week ending December 11 was 6.8 per 1,000 of population, and this was the lowest of any cities recorded by the United States bureau of the census, according to a report received yesterday by Dr. J. F. Edwards, health commissioner.

Comparative statistics prepared by the census office show that Omaha has been one of the best places in this country during the last few months from the standpoint of health.

Omaha's recent low death rate of 6.8 is regarded as particularly low when compared with the recent average monthly death of 57 American cities, which was 11 per 1,000 of population. About 15 per 1,000 is recognized as normal.

Burglars Loot Unoccupied Home of Bed Clothes, Dishes

An open window in the furnished, but unoccupied, house next door at 3539 Grand avenue Friday night led E. A. Carey 3536 Grand avenue, to investigate and notify the police.

Burglars had entered the premises and ransacked the place, stealing bed clothing, dishes, kitchen utensils. The house is owned by Jesse Bruce, 4366 Crown Point avenue, police say.

Citizen Cops to Appear In Safety First Film

Members of the Chamber of Commerce volunteer traffic police force will meet Sunday at 12:15 p. m. at the Farnam street entrance to the Douglas county court house to take part in the filming of motion pictures which will be used in the educational campaign in Omaha against speeding and reckless driving.

From Now till Xmas--
A Great Sale
--of Men's Gifts

Starting Monday and lasting clear up until Christmas, we are going to place on sale nearly every article in our TWO STORES at greatly reduced prices. We feel in making this move, and in offering nothing but our regular lines of High Grade, dependable merchandise, that this sale will be of unusual interest to every one wanting "Useful Gifts" for men.

Silk Shirts
to be bargains

We have placed every silk shirt in our stock in this sale—regular values are as high as \$20.00. These are all remarkable silks—they are the kind you can feel safe in giving—they will wear and give months of enjoyable satisfaction. They go, starting Monday, at one price—

\$8.85

Madras Shirts
Imported from England

These are the best shirts made—beautiful patterns—wonderful gifts—nothing more sensible. Prices reduced for this week—

\$4.50 Values for \$3.00
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Every one of our choice lines—Silks as well as Knits. Men never get too many Ties. See these Monday at such ridiculous prices as—

Values to \$2.50, now \$1.35
Values to \$3.50, now \$1.85

Others equally reduced now.

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