

### Man Says Wilson Advised Him to Imprison Wife

#### Woman Found Locked in Home in Emaciated Condition—Husband Says She Failed to See "Light."

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Chicago, Jan. 3.—As a result of an imprisonment for 30 days in her home Mrs. John Novak is seriously ill in a hospital at Crown Point, Ind.

Novak, a mechanic, who owns a home, first built a 10-foot fence around his two-story frame residence. He then boarded and barred the windows and fitted doors with heavy padlocks.

Neighbors suspected all was not well, but did not guess the facts until Novak was injured in a steel mill. He went to a hospital, leaving Mrs. Novak and the children still imprisoned. The neighbors notified the police. They battered their way in and rescued the prisoners, who were emaciated and with no subsistence except water. Mrs. Novak's health is said to be permanently impaired.

Novak has been discharged from the hospital and is again living at the house. His barricades still stand. Questioned as to his action, he said he believed he "was entirely within his rights as a husband."

"If a man can't discipline his wife, who can?" he asked.

"We have been married nine years. About two months ago I became convinced her affection was waning. I talked with her, but she was evasive. I then entered into communication with the higher powers. A voice from the cosmic void advised me to go to Washington and talk with President Wilson."

"I did," John, said the president, "there is only one thing to do. Lock her up. Put her in solitary and maybe she will see the light. So then I built the fence and boarded up the windows. Every day I would ask her:

"Mary, have you seen the light?" "What light?" she asked at first.

"The great light, the shining light," I explained.

"She didn't see it. Once or twice she thought she did, but I fancy it was merely a cerebral ignis fatuus, because her attitude toward me remained inflexible."

### 8,000 Hungarian Prisoners Repatriated From Siberia

Budapest, Jan. 3.—Some 8,000 Hungarian prisoners of war have been repatriated from Siberia through American aid, said Ernest Ludwig on his arrival today from Switzerland, where he has been in charge of the repatriation of such prisoners, but 15,000 still remain in eastern Siberia, unable to leave because of lack of funds and the inability to charter ships.

"It will cost \$1,000,000 to support the prisoners in Vladivostok until the port opens and another million to bring them home," said Mr. Ludwig, who before the war was Hungarian consul at Cleveland.

### Harris Productions Cut Theater Tickets 50 Cents

New York, Jan. 3.—Reduction of the price of theater tickets in various cities has been followed in New York by the productions of Sam H. Harris, president of the Producing Managers' association. Beginning tonight the top price will be \$2.50 instead of \$3.

### Suspect in Murder of N. Y. Gangster Gives Up to Police

New York, Jan. 3.—Jeremiah Bohan, a prohibition enforcement agent, said by the police to be the mysterious "Mr. X," sought in connection with the recent killing of "Monk" Eastman, gangster and world war hero, today surrendered.

### Advocate of Minimum Wage Bill Will Urge Passage in Nebraska



Miss Jeanette Rankin of Missoula, Mont., the first woman member of the lower house of congress, arrived in Omaha yesterday.

Miss Rankin, who was a representative from Montana in the Sixty-fifth congress, is field secretary of the National Consumers' league and is here in the interests of the minimum wage bill which is to come up before the Nebraska state legislature.

She will remain in Omaha until Tuesday noon, at which time she is expected to speak at a luncheon arranged in her honor by Mrs. Draper Smith. Tuesday afternoon she will leave for Lincoln where she hopes to speak before the legislature to interest the members in the passage of the bill.

According to Miss Rankin, 13 states and the District of Columbia have passed the minimum wage bill, the "good" legislation moving eastward. The bill provides for the establishment of a commission to determine the minimum wages of industrial workers as based upon the cost of living.

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### House Shortage In U.S. Estimated At Over 1,250,000

#### National Chamber of Commerce to Investigate Conditions During Meetings in Washington.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, Jan. 3.—Estimates placing the shortage of houses in America at more than 1,250,000 will be placed before the national council of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States at a meeting to be held in Washington, January 27 and 28, which will discuss measures to relieve the situation.

The housing shortage, according to John Hilder, manager of the national chamber's civic development department, has reached a point where 4,000,000 persons are inadequately housed.

"For a number of years prior to the world war," Mr. Hilder said, "it is conservatively estimated between 350,000 and 400,000 family dwellings were erected each year. This includes houses and apartments.

In 1919, it is estimated there were only about 70,000 houses built in the United States, while the number erected during 1920 probably will turn out to have been even smaller than that figure.

"While it is true there are many houses for sale, these are nearly all now occupied by tenants. The number of houses for rent in most communities is practically nil, and the majority of these houses are not suitable for the needs of the average wage earner. A man with an income of \$5,000 a year or more does not have as much trouble getting desirable quarters as the wage earner who cannot afford to pay high rents. Those earning small salaries are the ones who are hit hardest by the housing shortage. It is for these that decent homes must be built."

Elks Subscribe \$10,000 To Feed Starving Kiddies

Los Angeles, Jan. 3.—William M. Abbott of San Francisco, grand exalted ruler of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, announced here the grand lodge of that order had subscribed \$10,000 to the fund of the Hoover committee for the relief of central European children.

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### Hughes May Represent Sioux Indians in Suit For Government Land

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, Jan. 3.—Charles Evans Hughes is waiting to hear, not only from Senator Harding, regarding a place in the cabinet, but from the Sioux Indians of South Dakota, regarding retention as their attorney to prosecute a claim against the government.

In 1876 the Sioux ceded the Black Hills country to the United States under duress, they now claim. They are seeking compensation for the land and congress has authorized them to carry their suit to the court of claims. Secretary of the Interior Payne directed that each band should send delegates to a convention on the Crow Creek reservation December 15, to select their attorney. Judge Hughes was favored by a large number of the Sioux. The outcome of the council has not been reported to Washington up to date.

### Windy City Rich Field For Thieves Last Year, Average \$12,435 Day

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Chicago, Jan. 2.—Thieves' loot in the Chicago district for the year 1920, based on burglaries, holdups, and pocket pickings alone, reached the staggering aggregate of \$4,528,453.40—an average daily property loss of more than \$12,435.

Embezzlements and forgeries, running into the hundreds of thousands, are not included in these figures as compiled by Chicago's police department. Police records show that of this vast loss, only a little more than one-fourth, or \$1,403,934, in property and cash, was recovered. This means that more than \$3,000,000 was the net loss.

This compares with a record of \$3,543,594 in property and cash stolen during 1919, with police recoveries of \$972,699. During that year there were 8,983 robbery complaints turned in to the police department.

### Missing Naval Balloon and Its Crew Are Located

#### Storm-Driven Sailor-Aviators Forced to Land in Forest—Lost Four Days in Woods.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. New York, Jan. 3.—The missing navy balloon, A-5598, landed 20 miles northeast of Moose Factory, Ont., December 14, and the crew of three men are safe at a Hudson Bay trading post, according to a telegram received at the naval air station at Rockaway last night.

Moose Factory, Ont., is a trading post and outpost of the Hudson Bay Co. on James Bay at the mouth of the Moose river, latitude 51 north longitude 81 west about 700 miles due north of Toronto.

The telegram bringing news of the landing of the balloon came from Mattice, Ont., and read: "Driven by storm Monday, Dec. 13, to lower Hudson bay. Forced to land at 2 p. m. in dense forest on Tuesday Dec. 14, about 20 miles north by east of Moose Factory, Ont., latitude 51.50; longitude 81. Lost in forest for four days.

Crew safe at Hudson Bay Company's post, Moose Factory. First available means of transportation to railroad by dog sled, which will take about six days. Leaving here on or about Dec. 27.

(Signed) "LIEUTENANT KLOORS." The A-5598 carrying Lieuts. Walter Hinton, Stephen A. Farrell and A. L. Kloor, jr., left the naval air station at Rockaway Point, L. I., on the morning of December 13, to make an experimental flight, with some point in Canada as its indefinite objective. The balloon had no engine, traveling entirely by means of air currents, direction being maintained by throwing out ballast until currents of the desired directions were reached.

Late on the night of the day on which the balloon left its Long Island station, it was sighted over Wells, N. Y. It was at first reported that it had crashed into the side of Fork mountain, near Wells, and that its passengers were marooned and it could not be reached because of the height of the Sacandaga river.

This report proved erroneous and thereafter there were a variety of reports that it had been sighted in various parts of the northern United States and Canada. Brother officers of the navy refused from the first, to believe that the three aeronauts were lost.

### United States Not Inclined to Oversee Elections in Cuba

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, Jan. 3.—In spite of efforts of some leaders of the Cuban liberal party to have the United States supervise the coming by-elections in Cuba, there is no inclination on the part of this government to participate, it was learned officially here today.

One of the principal reasons for this attitude, it is pointed out, is because the United States helped Cuba to set up a competent electoral law and machinery and it believes that the Cubans, having been pointed in the right direction through the Crowder electoral law, should be left to work out their own political salvation.

Nevertheless, Dr. Fernando Ortiz, vice president of the Cuban house of representatives, and Dr. Julio de la Torre, a prominent Havana lawyer, who have been in the United States for several weeks, issued a statement here stating that President Menocal and his party cannot be trusted in their promises to the Cuban people.

### School of Retailing Is Plan of New York College

New York, Jan. 3.—A school of retailing said to be the first institution of its kind in the world will be opened at New York university next September, it was announced today. It will be known as the New York University Training School for Teachers of Retail Selling.

### Robbery of U.S. Legation Shows Bad Conditions

#### Pressing Need for Better Quarters and Protection of Cash and Valuables at Many Foreign Offices.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, Jan. 3.—The thorough cleaning out of the cash box of the American legation at Warsaw, Poland, on the night of December 13 by robbers, reveals a serious lack of protection of confidential and other valuable papers and materials in American embassies and legations abroad.

With the current appropriation inadequate to supply clerks to the embassies and legations, safes and office furniture are in the class of luxuries. The American minister to Serbia at present is forced to typewrite his own dispatches and reports.

The American mission in Berlin is housed in a building where water soaks through cracks in the walls during a rain. The American embassy building at Constantinople is in a bad state of deterioration. At Budapest the only quarters that could be obtained within the means available of the American mission are declared to be shocking. The approach is through a court yard and then up two flights of rickety stairs, smelling of sewer fumes.

All dispatches for forwarding sent in by American ambassadors and legations abroad have been refused by the State department for three years. Dozens of officers are using ordinary unpainted, wooden kitchen tables for desks. Archives and other trade and diplomatic records are tied up with string in bundles, for want of filing cases. In several countries the legation has no safes and more than one consulate has no way in which to secure the thousands of dollars in cash paid in weekly as visa fees.

See Want Ads Are Best Business Getters.

### Police Commissioner to Address Epworth League

A silver loving cup will be awarded the Epworth league having the largest representation at the monthly social and business meeting of the Epworth League union of Omaha in the Dietz Memorial church, Tenth and Worthington streets, next Monday evening. J. Dean Ringer, police commissioner, will speak on "Crime in the Big Cities."

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