

Bergdoll Now Is German Citizen, Is Premier's Word

Notorious American Slacker and Chauffeur Isaac Stecher, Have Renounced U. S. Allegiance, Is Report to Diet.

By The Associated Press. Karlsruhe, Germany, Jan. 28.—The attempted abduction of Grover C. Bergdoll, American drafts-evader and Isaac Stecher, his chauffeur, was made the subject of an interpellation in the Baden Diet today.

Official Report Ready. Berlin, Jan. 28.—The foreign office and ministry of justice today received from the state's attorney at Eberbach an official document reciting details surrounding the attempted abduction of Grover C. Bergdoll and Isaac Stecher there.

Until this point is established the government can take no action, it was said. Baden's jurisdiction extends only to the treatment of the episode with respect to its relation to local criminal laws.

The detectives are charged with having represented Bergdoll and Stecher as two fugitives from justice in the United States. It is charged that this was done to encourage co-operation by the local German authorities.

Stecher Is Citizen. Berlin, Jan. 28.—A dispatch from Eberbach says Stecher, chauffeur for Bergdoll, who was born in Baden in 1887, reobtained his Badenese citizenship last December. He is reported to have served in the American regular army for 12 years. Bergdoll also is seeking German citizenship.

Bergdoll's cousin, Robert Freudenberg, is said to have been the man who seized the steering gear of the automobile driven by the Americans, halted the car and affected their arrest.

Stecher Wanted in U. S. Philadelphia, Jan. 28.—Eugene Stecher, chauffeur for Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, is under indictment here on charges of aiding in Bergdoll's escape from army officers at his home here May 21. It was alleged Stecher made the plans for Bergdoll's flight and that he had an automobile ready.

With Stecher reported at the wheel of the motor car, the fugitives led government agents a wild chase and finally eluded them at Winnipeg.

The Public Ledger last night received a cablegram dated Eberbach, Baden, and signed "Bergdoll," which read as follows: "We captured six department of justice agents and threw them into prison. We are safe and sound. See The Associated Press report." While Bergdoll was a fugitive in this country during the war, the same newspaper received numerous letters and postcards bearing his signature.

Fleet-Footed Fremont Man Saves \$35 From Holdups. Fremont, Neb., Jan. 28.—(Special Telegram.)—Ordered at the point of a gun to throw up his hands, Roy Bentley, with \$35, took to his heels and escaped, while the holdup feared to take his gun from Joe Utterbach, the escaping man's companion. The robbery took place about 11:15 p. m. Utterbach's pockets yielded the bandit 80 cents.

Another holdup was reported to the police when two husky gunmen with hatchets over their faces halted Henry Moran, 16, while he was going to work this morning. Twenty-five cents, watch, pocket-book and jackknif were their reward.

Discharged Men Fined For Attack on Foreman. Nebraska City, Neb., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—Dale Claus and Robert Edwards, employed at the packing house, pleaded guilty in county court to a charge of assaulting Thomas Malow, foreman at the plant, who had discharged them. They were fined \$2 each.

Cherry County Red Cross Sends \$1,000 to Relief Fund. Valentine, Neb., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—The Cherry county chapter of the American Red Cross, under authority granted by the central division headquarters, has sent \$1,000 of their funds to the European relief.

Pretty Steno Under Fire Again; Charged With Forging Check



JULIA NAPIER.

Julia Napier, 19, 2882 Frederick street, pretty stenographer, formerly in the employ of the All American Chemical company, was arrested yesterday on a charge of forging filed with Assistant County Attorney Raymond Coffey by Mathew McKinney, president of the company.

McKinney alleges that the stenographer signed the name of the chemical firm to a check for \$15, which was said to have been cashed at the A. B. Sweet shop.

Miss Napier first came to public notice last July when an investigation was made into a shortage of \$861.99 in the chemical company's account at the American State bank.

Miss Napier was in the employ of the company at the time. The bank's records failed to show any receipt of deposits made for this amount. Miss Napier was cleared and she subsequently brought a damage suit against the bank asking for \$50,000. This suit she later withdrew.

New Ruling Threatens Nebraska Creameries. (Continued from Page One.)

A ruling recently handed down by the attorney general, which, if construed in its literal sense, would brand as adulterated butter of the highest quality and strictly pure, and would subject it to a tax of 10 per cent. Permit me to state that my home city, Omaha, Neb., is the largest butter producing center in the world.

A great proportion of the product, if not all, is made from sour cream which has been neutralized by lime water. This butter will stand any purity test and has been graded of the highest quality. It would seem, therefore, a rather far cry to place this butter within the scope of the pure food act or any law against adulterated foods.

Asks Reconsideration. "A tax of 10 per cent on this product, with additional restrictions imposed by the act, would work severe hardship upon the butter industry in my state and in the United States.

"I trust, therefore, that that you will again present this matter to the attorney general and get from him an opinion as to whether butter, made from sour cream, neutralized by lime water or similar alkaline substance, is subject to the tax of 10 per cent as adulterated."

In speaking of this new turn in an effort to cripple an industry in which Omaha has such a vital interest, Mr. Jeffers said:

"In my opinion, the effect of this ruling will be to seriously hamper, if not entirely destroy, the butter industry in Nebraska and, of course, in the United States. If the attorney general holds that butter made from pure sour cream is adulterated and in the same class with Oleomargarine and similar substitutes, it will mean that butter so made will be taxed 10 cents a pound, that it must be put up in 10-pound packages and that it must be sold only through licensed dealers.

Increase Cost of Butter. The inevitable result will be an increase in the cost of butter and it would certainly seem that from this angle alone there is cause for serious reflection, as the housewife is now paying high prices for the product. But, in the case of Omaha, Nebraska, the effect will be more serious since we are leading in production of butter."

J. David Larsen, commissioner of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, and Randall K. Brown, former president of the chamber, who are in Washington attending a general meeting of the housing section of the United States Chamber of Commerce, were "flabbergasted" when they learned of the attempt to put a tax of 10 cents a pound on the output of the Omaha creameries. They were perturbed over the packing legislation because of the influence it may have on the South Omaha live stock and packing industry, but they were not prepared for the body blow delivered by Attorney General Palmer in his ruling on a law that has been on statute books 20 years and now for the first time interpreted.

Grove's is the Only Genuine. Laxative BROMO QUININE Tablets. The First and Original Cold and Grip Tablets. (Be sure you get BROMO.) 20c.—Ad.

San Francisco, California. Dear Folks: Today we visited old Mission Dolores built by Indian converts of the Spanish missionaries. Its thick adobe walls, tile roof and rough rafters fastened together with rawhide, if they could speak, would tell wonderful tales of early California life. Mission Dolores served in those days as an inn. Now travelers get the same kindly hospitality at Hotel Whitcomb, San Francisco's newest large hotel, with the added comfort and convenience that modern appointments give. Times change!

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Any Controversial Point in Charter Bill to Wreck It

If Changes Asked in Charter Would Cause Row Here, Measure Will Be Ditched.

Lincoln, Jan. 28.—(Special.)—The bill for the revision of Omaha's city charter—making sweeping and fundamental changes in the public works and other sections—is riding the legislative sea exactly as a small sail boat might ride the mighty Atlantic. As long as there is no wind it is safe; the merest squall and it will be capsized.

Such, at least, is the opinion of those who have tried to sound out the view of legislators, particularly those of Douglas county.

Tired of Rows. The whole question simmers down to this: The Nebraska legislature, including the representatives of Douglas county itself, are tired of biennial rows over Omaha charter amendments. After a fight lasting over 10 years they have provided a simple and practical method whereby by Omaha may attain "home rule."

Now they want Omaha to do it. If Omaha asks for changes in its charter as a preliminary to "home rule" on which everyone is united, the legislature will approve them.

But—and the "but" is very big and very emphatic—if changes are proposed which bring about controversy the charter bill which includes them is slated to go over the transom.

Absence of Protest. Some of the changes proposed in the charter bill now introduced will

provoke controversy. Notable are those pertaining to public improvements, which give the city commission authority to order streets paved and graded without preliminary petition by property owners, reserving to the latter, the right of protest within a limited time. This is substantially the provision which led to the defeat of the former charter bill, and unless there is an entire absence of protests on the part of the folks at home the same thing is forecast to happen again.

Settle It in Omaha. Conceivably, no one will protest. But if there is a repetition of the determined fight of 1919 the charter bill will not pass with these controversial provisions in it. They may be eliminated and the framework necessary to satisfactory "home rule" may go through.

"Let's settle the quarrel in Omaha, not here," is the legislative view.

Creston Woman Is Given Freedom From Alleged Bigamist

Creston, Ia., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—Mrs. Adelia Lawrence was granted an annulment of her marriage with Frank J. Lawrence by Judge Homer A. Fuller in the district court here. The divorce was asked on the grounds that at the time she married Lawrence he had a wife living known as Ruth Lawrence.

Mrs. Lawrence was formerly Miss Adelia Nichols of this city. She was married to Lawrence here following but a short acquaintance.

A short time after the marriage, there appeared in the city from Craig, Neb., a woman who filed an information against Lawrence charging him with bigamy, alleging that she was his legal wife. Lawrence was arrested, but when the time for his preliminary hearing came, the Nebraska wife refused to prosecute.

Net of Evidence Is Woven Around Woman on Trial

Mrs. Peete Planned to Make Denton Home Her Residence For at Least Year, According to Witness.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 28.—Mrs. Louis L. Peete, on trial for the alleged murder of Jacob Charles Denton, planned to make the Los Angeles residence of the mining promoter "her permanent home for at least another year," according to a letter written from Denver, Colo., last September to Max M. Alexander, here and declared to be in the defendant's handwriting, by Mrs. Ida L. Gregory, testifying today for the state.

The letter said Mr. Peete's illness made it impossible to transact any business.

Mrs. Gregory, who is assistant judge and clerk of the juvenile court at Denver, identified as being Mrs. Peete's handwriting, another letter

written from Denver to Hal Hayden, Los Angeles automobile salesman. This letter, instructed Hayden to "have the car ready for me September 27."

The prosecution announced it would offer evidence to prove the case was not disclosed in the early testimony.

On cross examination Mrs. Gregory, widow, with her daughter, Miss Maude Gregory, lived with Mrs. Peete for a time at the Denton residence last summer, testified that on the night of June 2 last, on the morning of which the state contends, Denton was murdered, Mrs. Peete sang and danced and "cut fresh flowers for the center table."

Mrs. Gregory said she never had been in the basement of the Denton home, where the mining promoters' body was found.

Broken Bow Health Head Named County Physician. Broken Bow, Neb., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—At the meeting of the county board Dr. G. E. Pennington of Broken Bow was appointed county health officer. Dr. Pennington is at present and has been for a number of years, head of the city health department.

Butter and Egg Dealers Discuss Grading Produce

Hastings, Neb., Jan. 28.—(Special Telegram.)—The Nebraska Poultry, Butter and Egg association in session here considered the grading of eggs, a number of speakers advocating the grading of eggs for market as to weight, freshness and color. The next meeting of the association will be held at Fremont, February 24.

Geneva Woman's Club Hears Talk on Code Commission. Geneva, Neb., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—Dr. Hattie Plum Williams of Lincoln, spoke here on the children's code commission Friday afternoon at a meeting of the Geneva woman's club. Dr. Williams will address the county education association Saturday.

Scottish Rite Bodies Close Hastings Reunion. Hastings, Neb., Jan. 28.—(Special Telegram.)—Scottish Rite bodies closed a quarterly reunion here with more than 300 registered. The class officers elected were: Dr. J. P. Pease, Orleans, orator; Dr. H. H. Schultz, president; William Hastings, secretary.

Hastings Man Kills Self Accidentally at Farm Home

Hastings, Neb., Jan. 28.—(Special Telegram.)—John Vanlingen, 39, was found dead in the barn on his father's farm five miles northeast of Hastings. The county attorney, convinced the death was the result of accidental shooting, decided to hold no inquest.

"Ten Nights in the Movies" Explained to Legislators. Aurora, Neb., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—Rev. C. C. Dobbs of the Christian church went to Lincoln and addressed the joint committee on the movie censorship bill. He gave them the substance of his recent sermon entitled, "Ten Nights in the Movies."

Madison American Legion Entertains Business Men. Madison, Neb., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—A box social and entertainment was given by the American Legion. The proceeds are to be used in making their hall more comfortable. A general invitation was extended to the business men of the city and their families.

Bee Want Ads Will Boost Trade.

Chompson, Belden & Co. A Twenty-Five Dollar Sale of Women's Fine Apparel. Misses' dresses for \$25 originally priced to \$65. Evening dresses for \$25. Tailored suits for \$25. All Winter Coats are being sold for HALF PRICE. The January Clearance of Silk Petticoats. Attractive Displays of New Spring Silks. Both Corsets and Brassieres. Wool Napped Blankets \$3.50. White Aprons A Sale Saturday. Sonia Hair Nets 50c a dozen. Only Two Days Remain of the January Sale.

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