

"Man Without a Country" to Make His Home Here

Former Russian Soldier, Who Was Taken Prisoner by Germans, Reunited With Sisters in Omaha.

After being held a prisoner six years in Germany, Joachim Slotkin, a man without a country, is a free man and reunited with his two sisters, Mrs. Gabriel Colton, 1714 North Twenty-fourth street, and Mrs. Henry Sassin, sixteenth and Nicholas streets.

The brother and sisters parted in the little village of Mogiliff, Russia, years ago when the parents came to America. Joachim remained, worked and saved his money. When he decided to come to America the world war broke out and he enlisted in the Russian army. In one of the first engagements he was taken prisoner.

When the armistice was signed Joachim attempted to go to his home in Russia, but found it in the hands of the soviet government. The Germans would not release him to return there and had he returned he could not obtain a passport as that government was not recognized by the United States.

The two sisters after months of endeavor and by spending a small fortune finally interested the State department in his case. A passport was finally obtained through the Finnish government and Joachim came to America and Omaha, his new home.

"As I came in on the ship I saw the statue of Liberty and I never want to see it from the east again," he said. To learn the English language the former man without a country has entered night school.

Boy Sends Birthday Greetings to Sister In East by Wireless

Lane Axtell, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Axtell, 119 North Thirty-second street is a wireless enthusiast. He has a sister, a junior in Smith college at Northampton, Mass. Sister Anne will be 21 today and her brother sent her yesterday a wireless message of greetings. A sending machine belonging to Edwin Anderson, 308 North Twenty-seventh street, was used.

The two boys sent out the message, which was picked up by the aerial station at Papillion and relayed from there to Shenandoah, Ia., and from there to Chicago.

Through the American Radio Relay league the boys hope the message will reach Anne, although the message could not be followed any farther than Chicago.

Registration to Start Today For Special College Courses

Dr. W. Gilbert James, dean of the University of Omaha, announces the opening of special college courses to be given in Joselyn hall, afternoons after school, nights and Saturday mornings. Registration, open to local school teachers and other qualified students, starts today. Special courses include government and politics, English literature, expression, educational psychology, philosophy of education and school hygiene. As a feature of the new course program, a class in general sociology will be given under Dr. F. K. Krueger, head of the department. Night school and Saturday classes are now held in Joselyn hall. Upon student agreement, the place of meeting may be changed to a more central location.

Two Bandits Rob Three Men in Daylight Holdup

The first daylight holdup of the year was reported to police yesterday by M. Gross, grocer, 419 South Twenty-fifth avenue, who was robbed of \$18 at 8 a. m. yesterday by two armed men. The two men forced Gross, Fred Dickman, 510 South Twenty-fifth avenue, his driver, and Otis Nielsen, driver for the Petersen-Pegau Baking company, into an ice box after cutting the telephone wires. Nielsen was at the store delivering bread when the bandits entered and forced him to give up \$14 of the company's money. Gross and Dickman were building a fire and the two bandits shoved a gun against Gross' ribs and robbed him of \$4. They escaped, overlooking \$220 in the cash register.

Wealthy Rancher Robbed Of \$2,000 by Highwaymen

William Atkins, wealthy rancher, was held up at Eighteenth and Izard streets early Tuesday morning while he was returning from a visit with his daughter at 1145 North Eighteenth street. Two armed men pressed revolvers against his ribs and took a diamond stud valued at \$1,000, a ring worth \$1,000, \$100 in cash, his gold watch and chain and a silver ring. When the burglars yelled "Throw 'em up, Bill," he thought they were joking with him. Atkins told police he was a wealthy rancher but refused to divulge where he lived.

Harry S. Byrne Back From Trip in the East

Harry S. Byrne has returned from a business trip during which he visited Baltimore, Washington and New York. While in the national capital he chatted with Congressman Albert W. Jeffers on politics, the weather and other subjects. At Baltimore he visited Franklin D. Roosevelt, who is connected with the same company Mr. Byrne represents in Omaha.

Award Awaits Disabled Soldier at Local Office

Harvey J. McVay, a disabled soldier of Omaha, who applied for vocational training, recently at the local office of the federal board, cannot be located. Con McCargar, local supervisor, said that McVay's award for training under the industrial rehabilitation section of the training bill was awaiting him at 294 Brickell building.

Toils Years to Reunite Family, But Fails in End



Diamond Ring Taken From Jewel Box

Mystery surrounds the sudden disappearance of a one carat diamond ring from the jewel box of Mrs. M. Herzberg, 4910 Dodge street yesterday afternoon.

Herzberg, who is the proprietor of the Women's Toggery, reported the disappearance of the ring to the police.

Mrs. Herzberg left the apartment for but a few moments.

When she returned the lid of the jewel case was up and the diamond ring gone.

Occupants of the apartment building said they saw no one enter or leave the Herzberg apartment.

The stone is valued at \$600 by Herzberg.

Mayor Would Sanction Movie Shows in Schools

Mayor Smith introduced two ordinances in council yesterday, both affecting the city electrical inspection department. One contemplates the temporary use of motion picture machines in churches, schools and community centers without requiring the permanent booth. The other provides that the dues and regulations of the National Fire Underwriters, known as the national electrical code, be adopted insofar as there is no conflict with the state code.

Lions Club Members Map Out Activities for Year

Members of the Lions club met at luncheon in the Hotel Rome yesterday to discuss the revision of the club's constitution and by-laws and to map out activities for the year. The Girls' Community League has voluntarily withdrawn from the club's sponsorship, it was announced.

Compton Acquitted

Wiley Compton was acquitted by a jury in District Judge Troup's court yesterday which heard evidence in his prosecution on a charge of receiving and concealing an automobile stolen and brought here from Des Moines last September. The jury was out only about an hour.

Divorce Court

Divorce Decrees.
Hazel Donnelly from Reuben Donnelly, cruelty.
Marie Peterson from Albert H. Peterson, cruelty.
Joseph Tepley from Amanda Tepley, desertion.
Divorce Petitions.
Alfred Wimmermark vs. Grace Wimmermark, desertion.
Ann M. Olson vs. Henry S. Olson, cruelty.

Man Barred From Citizenship Is Grief-Stricken

Technicality Prevents Omaha Man From Becoming American and May Keep Children From U. S.

The cup of sorrow which has been held to the lips of William Schell, 518 North Sixteenth street, for the past seven years, was filled to overflowing yesterday when he was denied citizenship papers in naturalization court. Because Schell had not resided in one place continuously for the past five years he was denied citizenship, and five children, from whom he has been separated for seven years and who are on their way to America, probably will be barred entrance to this country.

Schell, an expert shoemaker, came to America in 1913 and worked in Omaha. Three years ago he went to Bradock, Pa., where he was manager of the shoe department in a department store.

M. Fanger, brother-in-law of Schell and owner of a store in Council Bluffs, was a witness and declared he had often visited Schell in Bradock on business trips to New York.

In 1913 Schell left Lemberg, Galicia, with three of his children and came to Omaha. A year later he received word that his wife and seven children were starving in famine-stricken Galicia. Fanger advanced money to Schell who sent tickets to his family. The war prevented their coming to America.

Later word was received that the mother and two children had died of starvation.

While his wife was in a foreign country Schell could not be naturalized and after her death he filed application for second citizenship papers so his children could be admitted. Now a technicality bars them. Schell is almost prostrated with grief.

Man Shoots Prowler In His Chicken Coop; Finds Wounded Dog

F. W. Marsh, 3317 Burt street, who keeps prize Buff-Orpingtons, heard a noise in his chicken coop early Tuesday morning. He took down his rifle and went to the rear door. On opening it he saw black shadows moving in the coop. He fired a shot, the noise ceased, and Marsh returned to bed.

Yesterday morning he found eight dead chickens and lying in the corner of the coop was a black female spaniel with another chicken between her paws. The bullet had wounded the dog in the mouth but not seriously.

Marsh called the Humane society and had the dog removed to the dog shelter, where it gave birth to 10 puppies.

Brief City News

To Rent Halls—Omaha will pay \$1,500 toward renting halls for the Omaha companies of the Nebraska national guard.

Trial Date Changed—Trial of Burrell Lawson, who shot and killed his wife two weeks ago, has been postponed until next Monday, February 22.

World Herald-Dance—The World-Herald will be host to its employees and friends at an informal dance and entertainment at the Empress Rustic Garden Thursday night.

Favors Boxing Law—The city council passed a resolution yesterday requesting the legislature to pass the boxing bill now being sponsored by the American Legion.

Fraternity Luncheon—A luncheon was held at the University club yesterday by Delta Theta Phi, a fraternity of Creighton college of law. Several district judges were guests of honor.

Father and Son Banquet—A banquet for fathers and sons will be held at First Presbyterian church at 8:30 Friday evening. Reservations should be made through the church office by Thursday noon.

Dark Corners—G. H. Morarty, in a letter to city council yesterday morning said a hooch maker could distill beverages at street level without being caught. It was so dark there.

Old Soldier Made Citizen—Thomas Dennis, has been in this country 35 years and has been a soldier in the United States army for 39 years. Yesterday he was made a citizen. He lives at 412 North Twenty-seventh street.

Says Husband Beat Her—Agnes Chester in a suit for divorce in district court yesterday said that on January 29 her husband beat her and that he is now serving a 30-day sentence in jail. She said they were married 24 years ago in Russia.

Faces Trial For Murder—Norman (Nels) Johnson, confessed burglar who shot and fatally wounded Arthur G. Cooper, city detective, who died later, was arraigned in Central police court yesterday morning. He will be held on charge of first degree murder.

Refuses Suit—Blanche Rees filed suit against her husband for divorce in district court January 10. In another petition filed yesterday she said they had become reconciled and had lived together. In the last suit she says she threatened the lives of herself and family.

Makes Requisition—A \$5 bill which the sender said was to cover money he owed the Milwaukee railroad "for many years" was received by W. E. Beck, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad downtown passenger agent yesterday from an anonymous writer.

Trial Postponed—Patrick J. B. Horner charged with assault to do injury bodily injury to Rex Kling, an inmate of Father Flanagan's Home for Boys, last August, and who was to have been tried yesterday, will keep for him. Yesterday he filed a writ of replevin in Justice Bunce's court for the recovery of the rings, which he said she had refused to return.

Returns to First Wife—Michele Traded has gone back to Italy and his first wife, Marie Tedesco, so avers in a petition for divorce filed in district court yesterday. She alleged she married Michele in February, 1918, and that he had another wife living in Italy. Sheriff Clark was notified to serve summons upon him in Meffi, Italy.

Rabbits Wage Battle—Two rabbits, on display at the rabbit show, in the court house, engaged in a battle yesterday morning. They were stopped before they injured each other. According to D. T. Hill, Syracuse, Neb., an exhibitor, buck rabbits if allowed to get together will fight to the death.

Would Adopt Rodney—Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hirsch, Hebron, Neb., visited the Child's Saving Institute yesterday in an effort to identify little Rodney, the blue-eyed baby boy who was found abandoned at the Union station last Monday. They failed to identify him, but begged that they be allowed to adopt him.

Reckless Driver Fined—Sebastian Siarno, 723 Pierce street, was fined \$25 in Central police court yesterday morning for reckless driving.

W. A. Pixley, who chased Siarno to Sixth and Pierce streets, where a gang was waiting to beat Pixley, appeared against Siarno. Pixley was saved from the gang by the timely arrival of a street car crew.

Endorse Bills—The city council endorsed two bills before the legislature yesterday morning. One provides the power to regulate rates and service of traction lines and another proposes that the council have power to extend necessary funds to make physical valuations of public utilities or to engage experts in cases of rate controversies.

Night Flying Trial Trips in Mail Service To Be Made Feb. 22

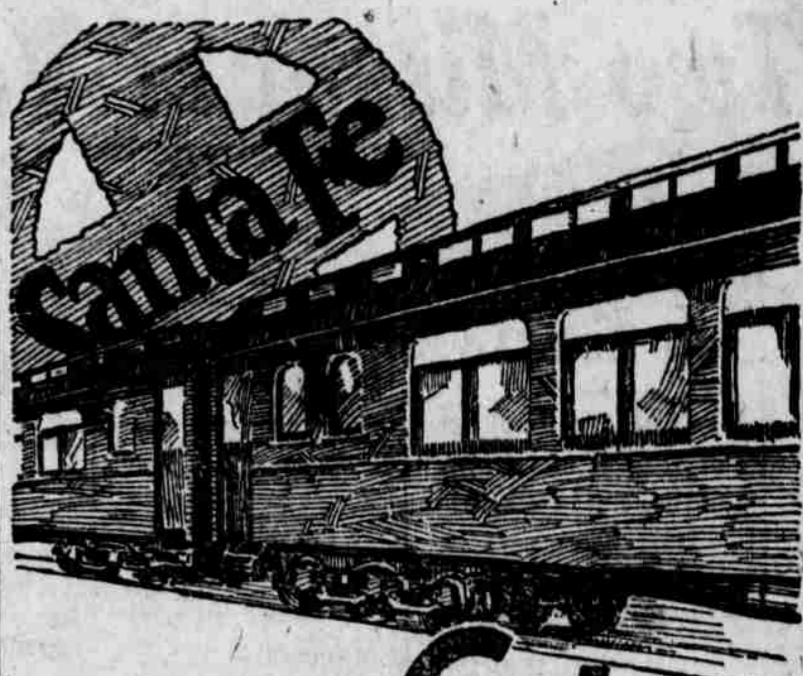
First night flying trial trips in the air mail service will be made February 22. Superintendent A. R. Dunphy of the Cheyenne air mail station was in Omaha yesterday making arrangements for the innovation. Prospective plans for night flying were not made public.

Simultaneous night trial flights will be made from New York to San Francisco and from the west coast to the east. Omaha will be the center of the night flying. The plane from New York will reach Omaha late in the evening and will take off immediately for the west.

The plane from San Francisco will reach Omaha late at night and will leave at once for the east. By continuous flying it is thought the trip can be made in 36 hours.

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