

### Cooper's Slayer Says He'll Play On Prison Band

#### Operates Slide Trombone, He Declares—Advises Young Men to Stay Home With Parents.

Norman Johnson, 31, doomed to spend all the rest of his life behind prison walls and bars for the murder of City Detective Arthur Cooper, the night of January 28, viewed his fate with calmness in his solitary cell in county jail yesterday. A Bible, given him by a jail missionary, and a pack of cards rested on a cross bar of the cell.

"With the knowledge before you that all the rest of your life must be spent in prison, wouldn't you rather have the electric chair?" he was asked. He thought for a moment and then replied in a low, conversational tone:

"No, I wouldn't. I don't want to go that way."

"You probably get used to being in prison, don't you," asked the interviewer.

"Oh, yes," said the young man. "I'm going to try to get in the band down at the big 'stir.' I play the slide trombone. Yes, if the Nebraska 'stir' is a decent one, and I hear it is, I'll get used to it."

Has "Done" Six Years.

"How long have you spent in jail?"

"Let's see," said Johnson, lighting a cigaret. "I've 'done' just about six years altogether."

"Do you do much reading in the penitentiary?"

"Not much," replied Johnson. "When I was doing time in the Colorado penitentiary I took a correspondence course in commercial drawing. I'm pretty good at it."

He was asked if he regrets slaying Cooper. "I'm sorry I killed him," he replied.

Asked what advice he would give young men, he said:

"Tell them to stay home with their parents and take care of them. If I only could undo what has happened in the last few weeks I certainly would settle down and take care of my mother. I had a fair trial. Public Defender Baldwin put up a good fight and I was lucky to escape the chair. I'm going to behave myself in the penitentiary and, after some years have passed, maybe I will be pardoned."

He said goodby to his mother, sister, brother and aunts, who visited him in jail yesterday. He is scheduled to be taken to the penitentiary Monday.

### Senior Prom Is Staged Without a Single Hitch

The "law" was there with an eagle eye.

But the "Senior Prom" whose board and high school officials, went off with a whimper Friday night.

More than 300 youngsters crowded the floor, ranging in age from 14 up.

In the balcony were 30 persons who might have been parents—and one lone policeman.

But the dance—sweet little high school girls, clothed in simple school girl fashion or latest evening dress with very low necks, very short sleeves, and very short skirts, were whirled merrily over the waxed floor by tender youths in informal attire and unhampered by the down of adolescence.

Nothing to cause alarm or attract attention—but that jazz poster, which depicted a pair of sybarites of vanity fair in most intimate tertiophorean embrace, caused the welfare permit given the two high school lads to hold the dance to be withdrawn, and papa had to get another one.

Mrs. Al Scott Reported Unchanged at Hospital

Condition of Mrs. A. C. Scott, wife of Al Scott of the Scott Omaha Tent and Awning company, was reported unchanged by Fenger hospital authorities yesterday. Attending physicians had given up hope of Mrs. Scott's recovery from a relapse, which followed a recent major operation.

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### Potash Survey of State Published

#### Research Director Estimates Supply Will Last 10 Years—At Present Rate.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 19.—(Special Telegram.)—A most interesting bulletin has just been issued by the United States Geological Survey on the potash resources of Nebraska.

George Otis Smith, the director of the survey, in reviewing the bulletin, states that the first domestic commercial production of potash from sources other than wood ashes was in 1915, when the Nebraska lakes furnished about 80 per cent of the total.

In 1916, other raw materials having been made to yield commercial potash salts, Nebraska furnished 30 per cent; in 1917, 45 per cent; in 1918, 53 per cent, and in 1919, about 29 per cent.

Mr. Smith further says: "As Nebraska has furnished so large a part of the domestic production of potash, it is pertinent to inquire to her resources. When the first production was put on the market it was predicted that the supply of raw material could hardly last more than a year and a half."

In 1918, Dr. G. E. Condra estimated that the productive brines would be reduced greatly in four years. Mr. Smith's estimate, after careful study on the ground, is about 10 years at the present rate of utilization, and in his report mention is made of the possibility of bringing into use some of the lakes which are at present non-productive.

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### Parents Frantic As Lads Start Out On Winter Hike

#### Eleven Mason School Boys Become Weary of Tramping After 2 A. M. Arrival at Valley.

Winter hiking lost its glamor for 11 Mason schoolboys, ranging in age from 8 to 11, when they reached Valley, Neb., at 2 yesterday morning after setting out from school Friday afternoon for a jaunt.

The eleven lads appealed to R. T. Smith, train dispatcher in the railroad station at Valley, for warmth and aid.

They were shivering from the cold and were hungry, ravenous. Smith took pity on their little souls and put them to bed on the hard benches of the station. Then he called the Omaha police and told them of his brood of youngsters.

Meantime, Mrs. James Ryan, 1348 South Twenty-fourth street, had appealed to the police to find her boy, Earl, who had been missing several hours. They told her he was safe at Valley with 10 schoolmates. So Mr. Ryan raced to Valley in his automobile yesterday morning and brought back eight of the youngsters—all he could cram into his car, and the other three were placed aboard a train.

The 10 companions of Earl Ryan, whose parents began to besiege the police headquarters with queries this morning, only to be told of the hike, are Tom Latta, Donald Lindquist, Joe Bionio, Charles Marco, Tony Bresa, Joe Barone, Pete Leonardo,

### Charges of Inhuman Treatment Are Filed Against Ship Officers

#### Philadelphia, Feb. 19.—Charges of inhuman treatment of enlisted men have been lodged with congress against officers of the U. S. S. Michigan by the municipal department of public welfare, it was said.

It was alleged that five men discharged at the expiration of their enlistments were discharged penniless while money due the men was withheld.

In a communication to Thomas S. Butler, chairman of the house naval committee, Mrs. Lena Roberts, chief of the social service division, said the men sought aid of the division after their discharge Thursday.

### Bitter Attacks Fail to Change Landis' Policy

#### Federal Judge Releases Two More Men Charged With Theft—Told to Come Back Later.

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When Robert J. Green, 22, admitted stealing parcel post packages from the mail department at Sears, Roebuck & Co., the judge sat back in his chair, knit his brows and stared at the ceiling.

"Here's such a hard case for me to decide," pondered Judge Landis. "Here's this boy, who admits taking this jewelry from the mails. And here's his young wife, soon to become a mother."

"Son," said Judge Landis suddenly to Green, "you go back home. Take your wife home with you. In a month, after your child is born, come back here. Then I'll decide what to do with you."

Back in Two Weeks.

Soon afterward John W. Fleming, subclerk at the postoffice, was brought before Judge Landis charged with taking several registered letters, containing money. An assistant district attorney told the court of Fleming's remarkable army record, covering two years of fighting in France.

After remarking that military service gave no man a license to steal,

### Immigration Legislation To Be Acted on Late Today

#### Washington, Feb. 19.—Passage of immigration restrictive legislation before adjournment today, was predicted by leaders when the senate committee substitute for the house bill was taken up immediately after the senate convened. Senator Harrison, democrat, Mississippi gave notice he would move to have the senate reject the substitute and pass the house bill with an amendment eliminating the latter's provision permitting immigration of dependents of aliens now in the United States.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire.

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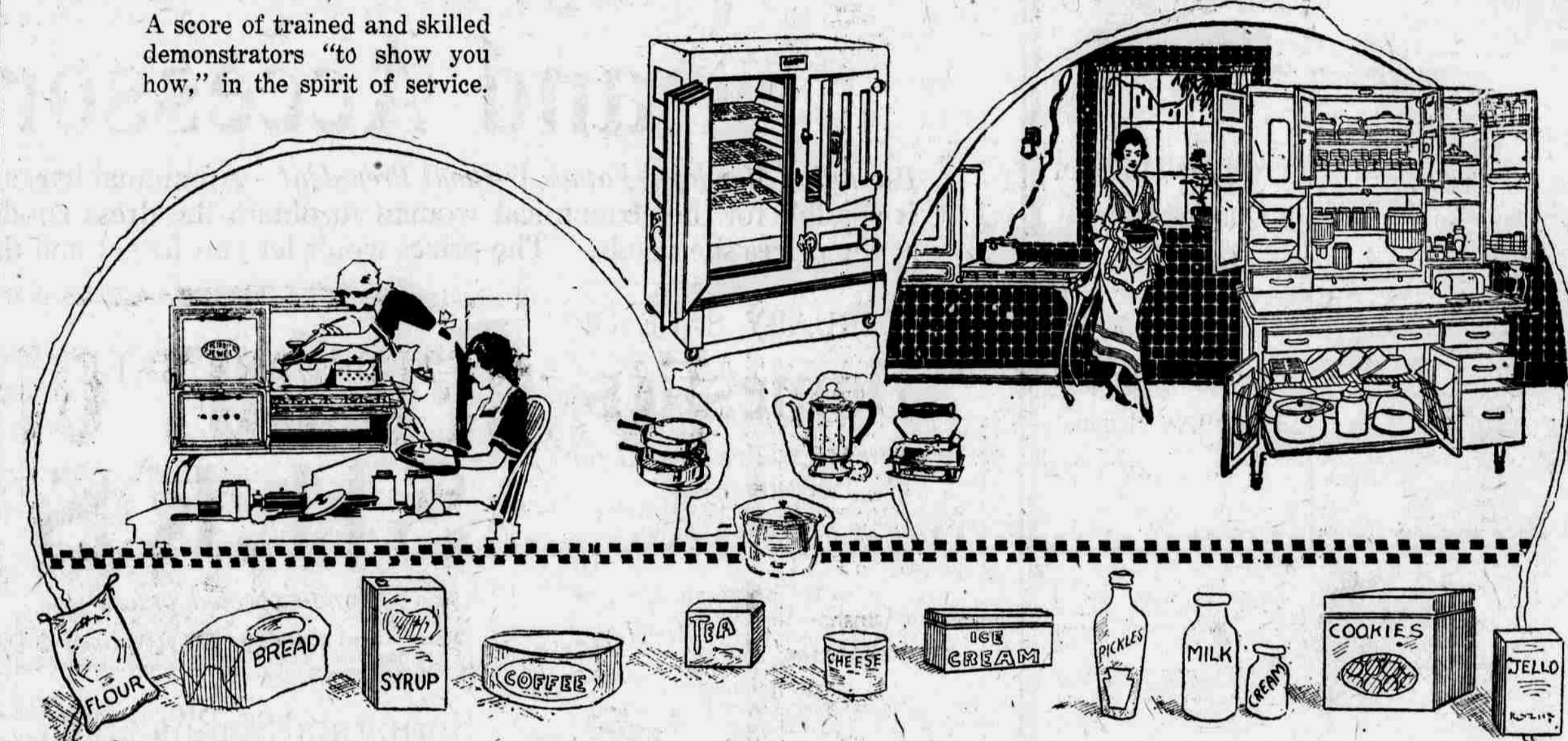
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—From "Mouth Hygiene."

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