

Autoist Impaled On Guard Rail at Railway Crossing

Fails to See Train Until Approaches Guard, Swerves and Rail Pierces Windshield and Abdomen.

Suffering a severe wound in the abdomen received when the guard rail at the Belt line crossing on Twentieth street crashed through the windshield of his car and pierced his body at 2 a. m. yesterday, A. W. Allen, of the merchant of York, Neb., lies near death in the Swedish Mission hospital.

Police were summoned to the crossing by a report of a fatal automobile accident.

Captain Haze and Emergency Officer Teal responded and found with Allen, A. L. Marble, also of York, and John L. Linsinger, 2616 South Eleventh street, and another man who gave his name as Mr. Phillips and his address as Fifteenth and Harney streets.

Allen was taken to the hospital. Police surgeons say he cannot recover.

The men told police three women who were with them at the time of the accident fled before the officers arrived.

The party was driving along Twentieth street and as they approached the crossing, a train was traveling east on the track.

Allen, who was driving, according to the police, did not see the train in time to bring his car to a dead stop, and swerving to the west, ran into the guard rail, which shattered the windshield and pierced his abdomen.

Start On Lark.

Allen has a wife and two children in York, according to the police. Linsinger said Allen had come to Omaha to buy a sewing machine. They "went out on a lark" and started off at the Orpheum Garden cabaret, he said. There they met the three women who joined the party and went for an automobile ride, he declared.

The accident resulted.

Damage suit for \$100,000 was filed yesterday against the Missouri Pacific railroad in consequence of the accident.

Bank Depositor Wins Judgment for Funds

Aurora, Neb., April 8.—(Special.)—John C. Grisel was awarded judgment of \$850.82 against the American State Bank of Aurora, as a depositor, by Judge George F. Corcoran in the district court. Grisel sold a piece of property through an agent in 1919 and the agent left a check at the American State bank. The check was cashed by the American State bank following an endorsement in which the bank said that the funds were to be deposited to the credit of Grisel.

Later Grisel talked with Charles W. Wentz, general manager of the bank, and Wentz told him the money was in the bank and for him to check on it. Evidence showed Wentz had deposited the funds to the credit of W. C. Wentz, but when Grisel's checks came in they were honored by the bank and Wentz deposited enough funds in Grisel's account to meet them.

When the bank closed on March 17, 1920, Grisel found that he had no account in the bank. His checks had been paid, but there was \$850.82 of his original deposit unpaid.

Idle Workmen Scored by Saunders County Farmers

Wahoo, Neb., April 8.—(Special.)—Farmers are taking the continued drop in prices philosophically and even joke about the price of corn. They are going ahead with their work and plan on raising just as big a crop as ever. They are inclined to score the labor element that threatens to restrict production because of falling prices and say that it is the duty of every man to produce regardless of his line. They also say that if the building trades would reduce their wages in comparison to the reduction already experienced by farm labor many farmers would immediately resume their interrupted building plans and men now idle would be given immediate employment.

Women of Wahoo Demand Postmistress Be Named

Wahoo, Neb., April 8.—(Special.)—Women of Wahoo say there is no real reason why the next postmaster cannot be a woman and have launched a campaign for the nomination of one of their sex. They say there were nearly as many women's votes cast for the administration candidates in Saunders county as there were male votes and that the town is nearly due for a postmistress.

Farmers Near Wymore Give Corn to Starving

Wymore, Neb., April 8.—(Special.)—In the drive now in progress in this county for corn to be sent to the starving people of China, liberal response is being made and several car loads will be shipped to Omaha Saturday. The banks of the county donated 1,000 bushels.

Liberty Produce Dealer Files Bankruptcy Petition

Liberty, Neb., April 8.—(Special.)—A. D. Gore of this city has petitioned the United States district court to adjudge him a bankrupt. He gives his debts at \$8,715.64 and his assets at \$348, all of which is covered by exemptions. He has been engaged in buying butter and eggs.

WOMEN LAWYERS



Mrs. M. Van D. Bell of Covington, Ky., has the distinction of being the first and only woman federal court commissioner. She is assigned to the eastern district of Kentucky and has handled many cases of bank defaulting, embezzlement and moonshining, especially the latter in the past few months. Besides being federal commissioner, Mrs. Bell is also deputy clerk of the United States court in Covington and still finds time for home duties.

4 Omaha Aliens, Held Undesirable, Join Deportees

British War Vet, English Deserter, Bulgarian Bolshevist, Insane Spaniard Board "Deportation Special."

A "deportation special" two coaches filled with undesirable aliens whom Uncle Sam is returning to their native lands, passed through Omaha at 2:10 a. m. yesterday, picking up four more deportees at the Union station.

These are James Meldrum, British war veteran; James Alexander-Smith, English deserter; Minck Belcheff, Bulgarian self-confessed bolshevist, and Alfonso Romaro, insane Spaniard.

W. M. Brashear, federal immigration officer, and Inspector Kline also joined the party which proceeds to Hoboken, to take ship.

Couple Narrowly Escape.

Steve and Helen Millush, South Side couple, narrowly escaped joining the deportees. They are under the same orders to go, but a temporary stay of deportation was granted them by Washington authorities, through efforts of their attorney, Hird Stryker.

Steve was to be returned to Serbia and Helen to Canada because they falsely entered this country as man and wife. They were married two years ago, have a child and own their home.

Stryker is awaiting instructions to make their temporary stay of deportation permanent.

Accused of Auto Theft.

Meldrum, convicted of stealing an automobile at Cody, Neb., in order to find his mother, he says, will go back to Scotland, as does James Alexander-Smith, discharged from the army at Fort Riley. He is said to be a deserter from the English army and feigns dementia.

Belcheff served a five-year term at Leavenworth for counterfeiting. At the police station last night, he denied the charge, stating he was led to plead guilty, though innocent, because he could not understand English.

Aliens from almost every European country will be included on the "deportation special," which started from Seattle and San Francisco.

Burlington Official to Probe Plea for Branch

C. G. Burnham, vice president of the Burlington railroad, with headquarters in Chicago will be in Omaha Saturday for a short visit. Mr. Burnham has been called to Chambers, Neb., where the citizens have asked of the state railroad commission that a branch of the Burlington be built between Chambers and Erickson.

Mr. Burnham will investigate the claims of the Chambers citizens. Burlington officials have already expressed themselves as being out of sympathy for the extension of the road.

"Sprig Is a Log Tibe Cobing," Now Frost Booked Tomorrow

There'll be a twang of cold in the atmosphere today if the prediction of the weather man is correct. Yep, he has promised some frost to boot.

Radio to Flash Market Reports Daily to West

Department of Agriculture to Inaugurate System April 15 to Give Farmers Market News as It Breaks.

"Q. S. T." "Everybody Listen." That's the wireless call signal that will be flashed out from Omaha every day, beginning April 15, to the farmers of the middle west.

And then will follow wireless first aid to the farmers, from the Department of Agriculture.

This first aid will comprise market reports.

Tentative Schedule.

Secretary Wallace of the Department of Agriculture has announced these reports will be sent to all agriculture interests by radio from the postoffice department stations at Omaha, St. Louis, Bellefontaine, Pa., and Washington, D. C.

Here's the tentative schedule for Omaha: Complete report on the Kansas City market at 11:15 a. m. Grain and potato report, giving prices and conditions at the Chicago, Minneapolis, Kansas City and Winnipeg markets at 2:15 p. m. Daily Radio Marketgram.

Daily "radio marketgram" covering market conditions at 1 p. m. Each of the four stations has a sending radius of 300 miles.

This means that farmers located in 12 central and 10 western states will be able to obtain either direct or through local receiving agencies, information relative to prices and conditions at the leading market centers and shipping points the same day that business is transacted.

Bargains of all kinds in Bee Want Ads.

South Dakotan Is Indian Commissioner



Charles H. Burke, newly appointed commissioner of Indian affairs. Commissioner Burke is a former representative from South Dakota. While in the house he was chairman of the committee on Indian affairs.

Mother of Eight Children Charges Abandonment

Madison, Neb., April 8.—(Special.)—Carrie E. Hamman of Norfolk has brought suit for divorce against Herbert M. Hamman charging abandonment. She alleges in her petition that eight children have been born to them, five of whom have been adopted in other families and three of whom are with the mother. She also wants the custody of the children at home.

Rock Island Cuts Operating Force 11,000 Last Year

At End of First Year of Private Control Company Has 34,531 Employees on Payroll of \$5,132,813.

Chicago, April 8.—Eleven thousand fewer employees were on the payroll of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway company on February 28, 1921, than there were the day the government relinquished control of the road February 29, 1920, according to the annual report of the road made public today.

The report says that on December 31, 1917, the date of the beginning of the federal control, the employees numbered 40,326, and the monthly payroll amounted to \$3,524,430; that on February 29, 1920, the date of the ending of federal control, they numbered 49,590, and the monthly payroll was \$5,850,869, while on February 29, 1921, the end of the last year of private operation, there were 34,531 employees and the monthly payroll amounted to \$5,132,813.

"The startling feature of the present situation," the report stated, "is that after the government had your property for nearly three years it comes back to you with an increase of approximately \$4,000,000 per annum over the payrolls December 31, 1917, when the property was taken over. This is about 59 per cent on the outstanding common stock.

"If our claims of \$12,000,000 on account of undermaintenance and \$2,000,000 on account of difference in material and supplies returned to us at the end of federal control should be allowed, the balance due the government would become a balance of some \$8,000,000 due to this company."

Stone Company Office Visited by Yeggmen

Yeggmen, who are hiding out in Council Bluffs, made their presence in the city known again Thursday night.

When J. M. Gravitt opened the offices of the Council Bluffs Hydraulic Stone company, Eleventh avenue and Eighth street, yesterday, he was greeted by sledge hammers, cold chisels and hacksaws strewn about the company's safe.

The door of the safe had been knocked two inches out of place by chiseling metal from around its edges and the combination had been knocked off with the sledge hammers. But the yeggmen had not succeeded in getting at the contents of the safe.

The tools had been secured from the second floor of the building, into which the yeggmen had forced their way through the rear door.

Pershing Warns Against Foreign Influence in U. S. Philadelphia, April 8.—A warning that foreign influences, dangerous in their tendencies, are again at work to "weaken the close ties of friendship that bind us to people besides whom we fought in the great war," was sounded here by Gen. John J. Pershing, who addressed two mass meetings in concluding exercises of All-American day.

Praising patriotism of foreign-born persons whom he said he had seen fight under the American flag in the Philippines, in Mexico and in France, General Pershing said that often their enthusiasm for America has surpassed that of any native born "who have not always lived up to the obligations of their birth."

Coming From Poland.

Mrs. Ike Kaplan, wife of Ike Kaplan, Manning, Ia., is expected to arrive here within a few days with her two children from Poland. She has reached Boston. They will be reunited to husband and father at the home of his brother, Jake Kaplan, 1818 North Twenty-fifth street.

Check Juggling Career of Aurora Banker Explained

Aurora, Neb., April 8.—(Special.)—The adventures of Charles W. Wentz, former vice president and general manager of the American State Bank of Aurora, who disappeared from Aurora with \$37,000 worth of securities on March 15, 1920, were fully detailed in district court here by A. McDermott of Omaha, Arthur B. Cole of Lincoln and Mayor Frank E. Quinn of Aurora. The evidence was given in the case of Julia A. Strauss against the receiver of the American State bank for \$25,000.

Mr. Quinn testified that the \$37,000 in securities were snatched out of the hand of Mrs. Wentz by Gust A. Hyers, state sheriff. These securities were later turned over to J. E. Hart, secretary of the state banking board.

Arthur Cole testified that he was appealed to by Mrs. Wentz to protect her husband from State Sheriff Hyers. Cole said that Wentz at the time was a physical and nervous wreck.

McDermott, now of Omaha, but formerly of this city, was the man who found Wentz at the Harney Hotel in Omaha. In his evidence he said that Wentz was drunk and was a physical, mental and nervous wreck at the time he was found.

The claimants of the \$37,000 worth of securities which were secured by Hyers and turned over to Hart insist that the transfer of these securities was illegal and unlawful and without the consent of Wentz or the American State bank, and they ask their return.

Pastor of Wymore Church Accepts Call to Oregon

Wymore, Neb., April 8.—(Special.)—Rev. H. F. Beard, pastor of the Baptist church for the past year, has resigned to take effect July 1. He and his family will move to Oregon, where he has accepted a call as pastor of a church at an advanced salary.

Revival at Lewistown

Lewistown, Neb., April 8.—(Special.)—A revival will begin here Sunday. Rev. Elliott of Rockwell will preach and the singing will be conducted by Miss Marie Danielson of Fremont.

Mail Service Examination

Pawnee City, Neb., April 8.—(Special.)—John M. Butler of Lincoln, chief clerk of the railway mail service, conducted an examination in the civil service here.

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"Free" Bridge Facts

THE Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Railway Company, operating the present toll bridge across the Missouri river between Omaha and Council Bluffs, addresses, through this medium, a few statements of fact to the voters of Omaha on the proposition of voting bonds for a so-called "free" bridge between the two cities.

Talk No. 1—Is a "Free" Bridge Free

It must be obvious to everybody that bridges cost money to build, that they cost money to maintain and to paint and to police, and to light, and to keep free from snow and ice in winter, and to sweep and sprinkle in summer, therefore **Somebody Has to Pay.**

Under the "toll" plan only those who use the bridge pay. And they pay in proportion to the amount of use they make of the bridge. Those who do not use the bridge at all pay nothing; those who use it occasionally pay only a little; those who use it daily pay more, while those who cross it many times a day with automobiles and trucks hauling merchandise pay still more. This is as it should be, just as we pay for our **Water, Gas, Electric Light, Street Car or Railroad Transportation** or anything else we use.

Under the so-called "free" plan EVERY TAXPAYER in Omaha would pay, regardless of whether he ever uses the bridge or not and regardless of how seldom he may have occasion to cross it on foot or in his automobile. And the taxpayers, collectively, would have to pay a larger amount annually for interest on investment, sinking fund, maintenance and operation of a so-called "free" bridge than they now pay in bridge tolls as we shall show.

The preliminary estimate of the bridge engineer, retained by the city of Omaha, is that the proposed bridge will cost One Million, Four Hundred Thousand Dol-

lars. Now everyone who has ever built anything knows that the final cost is invariably much in excess of the preliminary estimate. This is particularly true in all public works. For instance in the case of a so-called "free" bridge built at St. Louis, the preliminary estimate was Three and One-half Million Dollars and the bridge when completed cost over Seven Millions, or DOUBLE the ORIGINAL ESTIMATE.

Assuming the actual cost of the proposed bridge at Omaha to be only \$2,000,000 and that bonds could be sold bearing 5 1/2% interest, the annual interest charge alone would be \$110,000.00. Depreciation or sinking fund would amount to \$60,000.00 annually. Maintenance, lighting, policing, etc., would easily amount to \$40,000.00 more annually, making a total of at least \$200,000.00 to be paid in the form of increased taxes solely by the taxpayers of Omaha and Council Bluffs. Not a dollar of this large sum would be contributed by the non-resident tourist.

The man or woman who owns only a small home in Omaha, or personal property of any kind upon which they pay taxes, and who never go to Council Bluffs in an automobile, would receive no benefit whatever from a so-called "free" bridge, but they would have to pay their share of the burden through increased taxes just the same.

WATCH FOR FURTHER "FREE" BRIDGE FACTS.