

### Hearings on 18 Parole Requests Are Postponed

#### Freedom Plea of Omaha Murderer Last Heard by Board; Former Policeman Urges Release.

Lincoln, June 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Haste on the part of Gov. E. McKelvie and Attorney General Clarence Davis to catch an afternoon train forced postponement of hearings of 18 applications for parole from the penitentiary here today. The hearings will be held at the next monthly meeting of the board, July 19. The governor, attorney general and secretary of state form the state board of pardons and paroles.

The plea for freedom of Floyd Fuller, 53, father of eight children, who is serving life for the murder of Dorothy Rader Carberry as she stepped from a street car at Twenty-sixth and Farnam streets, Omaha, December 20, 1916, was the last heard by the board.

"The woman broke up my home, took all my money and then threw me down," Fuller told the board. "I got to drinking and haven't any recollection of the crime or the events leading up to it."

Urges Release.

H. J. Nielsen, head of the state bureau of identification and former Omaha police officer, appeared in behalf of Fuller.

"I liked Fuller and don't believe he knew what he was doing at the time," Nielsen said.

Pugh Fire Thumper, 28, an Indian who owns 1,203 acres of government land and who was convicted on a charge of forging a \$23 check, was another applicant for parole. He was arrested at Chadron.

Throughout the hearing questions by Governor McKelvie relating to the education and rearing of the applicants revealed that few had education beyond the fifth or sixth grades and a majority came from homes which had been broken in their childhood by parents who couldn't patch up their differences.

Mother Pleads for Son.

With her arms in loving embrace about her convict son's neck, Mrs. Minnie Blevins, gray-haired mother of Halle J. Blevins, today pleaded before the State Board of Pardons and Paroles for a commutation of his prison sentence.

A delegation of 15 residents from David City, Neb., Blevins' home town, appeared before the board in an effort to obtain his release.

W. W. Hughes, prominent merchant at David City, spokesman for the delegation, told of the mother's fight to save her son from prison.

10-Year Sentence.

"It will mean her whole life to free him," Hughes told the pardon board. "At David City, we call her the 'Good Samaritan.'"

Mrs. Blevins is a practical nurse. Blevins is serving a 10-year sentence for the murder of Brenon Gadden. He began his sentence five years ago.

Jenious was the cause of the crime. Blevins will attend a dance one night, leaving him at home with the children. Blevins learned she was accompanied by a man known as "Tibby."

Shoots Man In Auto.

At midnight he stole out of his home armed with a gun and awaited his wife's return.

When an automobile carrying his wife, her escort, Gadden, and another woman drove up in front of the place Blevins jumped on the running board of the car and emptied his gun into Gadden's body.

Veteran Released.

The pardon board ordered the immediate release from prison of George F. David, 26, a world war veteran and a paralytic, so he could enter a government hospital. David was serving from one to 10 years for burglary. He was sentenced from Gage county.

He had to drag himself on crutches before the pardon board on account of his ailment. His home is in St. Joseph, Mo.

When Gladys Harper, 20 years old, an orphan and married three times, appeared before the pardon board for a commutation of her prison sentence, Mrs. E. G. Faltzman of Omaha offered to give the girl a home.

Has No Relatives.

The girl has no relatives, she told the board. She is serving from one to 20 years for forgery. Investigation of her case showed she was raised in several child saving institutions and was committed several times to detention homes.

Pleading for a chance to return to her former home in Louisiana where her old mammy is dying, Loretta Price, negro, 38 years old, asked for a commutation of sentence. She is serving from one to seven years for larceny from the person.

Charged With Theft.

The woman was charged with the theft of \$400 from a man in Omaha. The pardon board took under advisement the case of Walter G. Rifenberg of Ainsworth, who is serving 25 years for the murder of Jacob Davis jr. Rifenberg was originally committed to the death chair. He obtained a new trial and received the sentence of 25 years.

J. M. Cotton, county attorney of Brown county, led scores of protests against Rifenberg's application for parole.

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### Freedom or Life in Pen To Be Meted Wealthy Man Jury Held Bank Bandit

#### Pardons Board to Decide Whether Great Injustice Done to Pennsylvania in 1916.



Lincoln, June 16.—(Special.)—To be free or to serve the remainder of a life sentence in Nebraska penitentiary. That is the question before the state board of pardons and paroles for R. G. Lukens. He is now 39.

The law in 1916 found him guilty of complicity in a bank robbery at Sunol, Neb., in the pursuit for robbers of which two men were killed. It offers him a lighter sentence if he would plead guilty to being an accessory to the robbery.

Lukens refused.

"I am guilty of nothing," he persisted, even when a jury found against him.

Only One Who Knows.

Frank Connell, also serving a life sentence on the same charges and the only man who knows what Lukens speaks the truth or has never made a statement either way.

If Lukens is innocent his conviction marks one of the greatest injustices ever done by circumstantial evidence.

It came in the wake of a business arrangement between Connell and himself to tour western Nebraska out of Denver. Lukens sold photographs and Connell sold.

Arrested Town.

The night before the robbery and murder, the two slept in the same automobile near Chappell, at breakfast in the town, then drove to Sunol.

Lukens went to a saloon. Connell walked to the bank, held up the banker and took \$1,500 from him and fled to a corn field.

The banker aroused the town. Lukens jumped in his automobile and joined the posse. Farmers saw him stop the machine opposite the corn field, saw him walk into the corn field, saw him emerge from the corn field with Connell and saw the two get in the automobile and start toward Sunol.

Stopped by Posse.

At a cross road an armed posse stopped them. Lukens jumped from the car while Connell backed the car, turned it and fled.

In the chase Paul Vack and Ira Paul were killed. Connell was

wounded after he drove the car into a creek.

Lukens' story is that he went into the cornfield to search for the robber, was held up at the point of a revolver and ordered to drive Connell away.

No Direct Evidence.

J. L. McIntosh, attorney at Sidney, Neb., who helped prosecute Lukens, volunteered the admission there was no direct evidence against the man to show that he knew of the robbery. McIntosh paid his own expenses to come to Lincoln today in Lukens' behalf.

Lukens had employed a Denver attorney to carry his case to the supreme court. The lawyer died suddenly the day before the hearing.

Lukens' father, a wealthy Pennsylvanian, died two months ago after five years of effort to free his son. He induced Governor Sproul of his state to urge the pardon.

Wears Civilian Clothes.

A gray-haired mother still lives to take up her son's fight.

Lukens is now prison librarian and wears the clothes of a civilian. He has taken a correspondence course in advertising and at the present time is advertising manager of a wholesale Lincoln furniture company.

He is drawing a salary of \$250 per month. If he is pardoned the company will pay him a still larger salary.

### Service to Suit Women Discussed By Laundrymen

#### Opinion Expressed That Work Should Be Adapted to Needs of Housewife Instead of Vice Versa.

Conforming the service of laundries to the need of the housewife, instead of forcing the housewife to adapt her wash to laundry requirements, was the principal subject of discussion at the afternoon session of the Nebraska Laundry Owners' association, in 15th annual convention at the Hotel Rome yesterday.

O. J. Fee of Lincoln urged that laundries acquire equipment to perform any process of laundry work which the housewife may desire. He also urged the elimination of what he termed objectionable marking of linen and other materials. This can be done by treating the fabric wash as a unit, or using what is known as the "individual" system, he said.

Non-Marking System.

W. H. Hoefler, speaking on "System," also urged the use of the non-marking system. H. H. Gilpatrick, president of the National Laundry Owners' association, addressed the convention on association work.

Following a dinner at the Hotel Rome last night the association members went to Ak-Sar-Ben den, where they saw King Ak's latest and greatest musical production.

Don't Favor Wage Cut.

"No matter what difficulties beset the laundries of the country, owners will never favor any large reduction of wages to girl employees."

Thus did H. Gilpatrick of Kansas City, Mo., president of the National Laundry association, express a sentiment which seemed to prevail generally among those who attended the opening meeting of the Nebraska Laundry Owners' association, yesterday.

"During the war wages to laundry employees increased nearly 100 percent," continued Mr. Gilpatrick. "The laundries would like to recognize the downward trend of things, but price reductions will not be favored by owners if it is necessary to cut wages down to the old scale."

May Drop Further.

H. A. Jacobberger, vice president of the state association, said female laundry workers received an average of \$17 week in Omaha and that the minimum scale was \$14.

"During the past year prices on household work dropped about 20 percent," said Mr. Jacobberger. "Prices may decline 10 percent on all kinds of work during the ensuing year, but I could not predict even that reduction with any positiveness. The increases over past war prices in Nebraska totals not more than 20 percent."

In the absence of W. O. Potts of Chadron, president of the state association, Mr. Jacobberger opened the meeting with an informal talk on affairs of the association during the past year. Commenting on business conditions he mentioned that 17 plants in the state had gone out of business through inability to get prices to pay the cost of the work.

Proposed Model Laundry.

About 35 laundry owners were present at the opening session, and 10 or 15 more are expected to arrive shortly.

Mr. Gilpatrick, in his speech yesterday afternoon, urged the co-operation of the Nebraska association in "putting over" the proposed model

### Laundry and the Construction of a Building to House the National Headquarters.

#### The Model Laundry, which will cost \$500,000, will be used for experimental purposes in an effort to develop and try out labor and money saving equipment. Methods of conserving linen and other fabrics will also be subject to experiments of the model laundry, Mr. Gilpatrick said.

Nebraska laundrymen are asked to subscribe \$9,500 towards the laundry, which will be erected near Chicago.

Advocates Advertising.

Mr. Gilpatrick also advocated newspaper advertising. He declared the newspaper the best medium for laundrymen to get their service before the public.

"Progress" was the subject of a talk by O. J. Fee of Lincoln at the afternoon session. W. H. Hoefler of Chicago spoke on "System" as a method of cutting down operating expenses.

A discussion of labor and price adjustments is scheduled for this morning.

### Reserve Board Says U. S. Must Buy Bonds of Germany

#### Absorption of Substantial Blocks of Reparation Bonds "Unavoidable" to Re-adjustment of Trade.

Washington, June 16.—Absorption of substantial blocks of German reparation bonds in the American financial market is "unavoidable" if the federal reserve board said today in a formal discussion of the reparations settlement.

However, termination of the reparations controversy was viewed by the board as an economic triumph opening up a promising outlook for future European adjustment with a special bearing upon the position of the United States.

This is found, the board said, in the fact that the adjustment unquestionably eliminates the most serious element of uncertainty that has affected international trade since the war. So long as there was hesitation regarding the final adjustment trade between Germany and all other nations including the United States was necessarily more or less interrupted.

"Not only was this true but the considerable investment of American capital in German enterprises which had begun about a year ago could not safely be continued and was necessarily suspended. Sale of German government obligations in this country, whether with or without allied endorsement, was equally unlikely to be successful. Indeed, ever since the appearance of serious friction regarding the settlement there has been a practical cessation of European offerings of this kind."

The situation fortunately has already become much less acute and conditions are approaching a rather more normal position. That our market will be called upon to carry a substantial share of the necessary financing growing out of the German adjustment will naturally be unavoidable.

### Sleuthing Up to Date, Police Use Wireless

#### Establishment of a wireless station is contemplated by Chief of Police Mike Dempsey who sent wireless messages to 12 different cities yesterday.

The message read: "Burglars robbed store here of \$12,000 worth of expensive rugs. \$500 reward. Will mail descriptions and sizes later. Reply and answer."

Dempsey stated that he had temporarily appointed George Marks, 1012 South Sixteenth street, radio operator for the police department. Messages were sent to Lincoln, Ashland, San Francisco, Denver, Chicago, Detroit, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Des Moines, St. Joseph, Sioux City and Columbus, Neb.

Will Rebuild Bridges

Washed Out by Flood

Ogallala, Neb., June 16.—(Special.)—Keith county commissioners are making plans to rebuild the bridges at Brule, Ogallala and Paxton at once. These bridges were all made impassable and were partly washed out by the late floods in the South Platte river. The bridge at Roscoe, Neb., is still in a passable condition and is the only bridge in western Nebraska that has stood the test against the high water in the South Platte river.

### Accomplishments Of Women Told At Club Meeting

#### General Federation Gets Down To Business at Convention in Salt Lake City.

Salt Lake City, June 16.—Accomplishments of the women of the United States who comprise the membership of the General Federation of Women's clubs were detailed at length today when the council of the federation, meeting at the Hotel Utah, settled down to the real business of the gatherings. Community service, educational facilities, prison reforms, public health laws and general betterments for women and children were discussed.

For all of this work the credit is due to the members of the federation, it was brought out, not with a spirit of bragadocio, but as an evidence of the earnestness of the women to help their own sex and to improve the conditions of all persons and make of the United States a better place to live in.

Rain Threatens to Hurt Small Grain at Beatrice

Beatrice, Neb., June 16.—(Special.)—More than an inch of rain fell in this section of the state Tuesday night following light showers which visited the county during the day. The fields are receiving a thorough soaking and the small grain will be damaged unless dry weather comes soon.

Bargains of all kinds in Bee Want Ads.

county; assault to do bodily harm to Thurston county farmers told the board they would give him work.

Utah Cal. Daves county, 24, burglary. Subject to epilepsy. He said to the board:

"I would rather go to a state institution to be cured than go out in the world again."

James B. Smith, 29, Omaha, forgery.

Albert Preiner, 23, Omaha. Held up and robbed Frank W. Fogg. Forfeigner, not naturalized.

Wayne Dehl, 19, Lincoln, forgery. Married two weeks before arrested. Parents, respected Lincoln citizens, appeared before board.

Merle R. Inskip, 31, Lincoln county, bigamy. Successful business man. Said friend told him first wife in Ohio was discovered. Took friend's word and married Gothenberg (Neb.) girl.

South Dakota Wheat Damaged by Red Rust

Huron, S. D., June 16.—Red rust on wheat is reported from some localities, the weekly report of C. F. Marvin, chief of the weather bureau of the United States Department of Agriculture here, issued today, stated.

His report says: "Grain was damaged by the hot weather in some localities, but as yet the damage has not been great. Red rust on wheat is reported from some localities. The hot weather was favorable for corn, which made very rapid growth and looks fine."

Police Check Out-of-Town Cars; Arrest 2 Young Men

As the result of checking every out-of-town Ford car in Omaha, the auto theft bureau of the police department yesterday arrested two men in connection with a car stolen from Watertown, S. D.

The men taken in custody are Edward North 21, and Victor Belatti 22, both of Watertown. Belatti was driving a \$4,000 car when he was arrested.

The Ford was stolen from Edward Franklin, May 9, according to police information. North claims he bought the car from a man named "Smith."

Will Bring Back Body Beatrice, Neb., June 16.—(Special.)—Mrs. Sadie B. Haney of this city yesterday received a telegram from Hoboken, N. J., stating that the body of her husband, LeGrange Haney, the first Gage county man to fall in battle in France, would be sent to Beatrice for burial in a few days. A military funeral probably will be held.

To Woodman Camp Beatrice, Neb., June 16.—(Special.)—C. E. Hammett, E. L. Frasier and son, Wayne, and Willard Shaw left by automobile for St. Louis to attend the head camp of the Modern Woodmen of America. They expect to be absent about 10 days. Mr. Frasier goes as one of the team judges.

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Bury Dead Sailor

Superior, Neb., June 16.—(Special.)—Funeral services for Earl Dedrick, former navy man, were held from the Methodist church. The American Legion had charge of the services and military honors were carried out both at the church and at the grave. Dedrick was drowned Sunday morning while swimming in the mill-race.

Beatrice Man Injured

Beatrice, Neb., June 16.—(Special.)—Gilbert Snook sustained crushed head and shoulders when an auto trunk loaded with bottled goods backed into the rear door of the Cumro building at Wymore. Although it is expected he will recover it will be some time before he will be able to resume work.

Shriners to Build Hospital For Cripples at St. Louis

Des Moines, Ia., June 15.—The Imperial council, Ancient Arabic order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, decided at a secret session to establish a hospital in St. Louis dedicated to the crippled children of North America, it became known today. A site for the hospital has already been purchased at a cost of \$150,000.

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