

Tar and Feather 'Parties' Are Many Throughout South

First Attack Ever Reported Against Woman Occurs at Teneha, Tex.—Bigamy Is Charge

Dallas, Tex., July 18.—Authorities in widely separated sections of the southern states today are taking cognizance of a series of attacks in which the victims are tarred and feathered, apparently by widely organized secret groups. The instances now number a score or more within the last three months and indicate the existence of a secret organization similar to that of the Ku Klux Klan of reconstruction days.

The secrecy of the perpetrators has usually kept hidden, even to the exact motive of the attacks, although they have generally seemed for "moral reasons."

The latest attack was the first ever reported as made against a woman. Mrs. Beulah Johnson was last night taken from a hotel porch in Teneha, Tex., stripped and tarred and feathered. It was alleged that the woman was a bigamist. The attack was said to have been made by men wearing white uniforms.

Firearms Are Displayed. Driving up to the hotel with a display of fire arms, they are said to have taken the woman into one of their motors and to have proceeded several miles into the country where Mrs. Johnson's clothing was removed and she was given a coat of tar and feathers. She was then placed in the automobile and returned to the town.

According to information the authorities have, Mrs. Johnson had been married three times, the first husband being dead, while the other two are still living. The third marriage, it was said, took place within the last 18 months.

Beating of a man named McKnight of Nacogdoches, Tex., by masked men at Timponso is reported as another Saturday night development in border towns.

Archdeacon Also Victim. At Miami, Fla., eight masked men waylaid the Rev. Phil S. Irwin, white, archdeacon of the English Episcopal church and head of that church's work among south Florida negroes, on Sunday evening, took him into the woods and whipped him, then applied a coat of tar and feathers. He was returned to town and dumped from an automobile into the street. Irwin said his assailants told him he had been preaching social equality to the negroes.

At Warrensburg, Mo., on Sunday night Richard Johnson, a retired farmer, was seized and whipped by three masked men. He was warned to leave the country, he said.

R. F. Scott, world war veteran, was dumped from an automobile in a coat of tar and feathers at Beaumont, Tex., on Saturday night. He was seized by masked men while riding along a country road with two women.

Consolidated Bands Will Give Concerts

Tecumseh, Neb., July 18.—(Special.) Arrangements have been made for consolidated bands from Nebraska City, Auburn and Tecumseh, one concert to be given in each town named. The augmented band will have an instrumentation of 75 or more. Concerts will be held Sunday afternoons.

The schedule is as follows: Concert in Auburn, July 24; Tecumseh, August 1; Nebraska City, August 28.

At the coming Johnson county fair one day is to be set aside as "Nemaha county day." On that day music will be by the Auburn band. In turn a day at the Nemaha county fair is to be "Johnson county day," when the Tecumseh band will supply the music.

General Pershing to Attend 88th Reunion at Des Moines

General Pershing is expected to attend the 88th division A. E. F. reunion at Des Moines August 26-28, as is also Lieut. Gen. Robert Bulard, commander of the Second army in France. Four former division commanders, Generals William C. Clegg, E. H. Plummer, W. D. Beach and Robert Getty—have been given special leaves of absence to go to the reunion.

Work on plans for special trains from Nebraska and the six other principal states from which troops for the division were drawn was started today.

Cool Downpour Is Boon To Growing Nebraska Corn

Nebraska corn profited by the cooling downpour which visited the east and south sections of the state Sunday night, according to the federal weather office.

The corn already was two weeks ahead of schedule, according to M. V. Robins, meteorologist, but this shower gave it a further boost.

In Omaha, the shower was accompanied by fireworks, with plenty of lightning and deep grumbling thunder.

The federal report shows 1.46 inches of rain fell in Omaha.

Patrons of Closed Bank Anxious About Accounts

Lincoln, July 18.—(Special.)—Two hundred patrons of the American State bank line up in the lobby of the Continental State bank here today to get information relative to their accounts in the first named bank. The doors of the American State bank were closed Saturday by J. E. Hart, secretary of the department of trade and commerce, and it was announced that the affairs of the bank would be handled by the Continental State bank.

Police Hunt for Woman Drug Addict Who Flew Hospital Detectives are searching for Clara O'Hearn, 35, who escaped from the county hospital early yesterday.

Man Drinks Health of America From Trophy



Jock Hutchison of Chicago, on receiving New York on the Carmania, drank America's health from the gold trophy he won in England. Jock won the British open golf championship from a large and talented field.

Will Temporary Rate Raise Suit Omaha Tram Co.?

Lincoln, July 18.—(Special.)—Will the Omaha and Council Bluffs Street railway company drop its application for a permanent increase if the state railway commission grants it the temporary increase it has asked?

Getting temporary increases and then getting them extended for an indefinite period has been a successful plan carried out by several large corporations recently.

The Northwestern Bell Telephone company went before the commission six months ago and under a showing of "absolute necessity" was given permission to charge its patrons a 10 per cent surcharge.

The same tactics were pursued by the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph company.

"Hard Luck" Stories. In the last month both companies with further "hard luck" stories have appeared before the commission and obtained a continuation of the surcharge.

At the same time they asked to increase their person-to-person calls 15 per cent. A decision on the latter proposed increase is expected soon.

Then, there is the story of the Lincoln Traction company, which rings much the same. This company went before the commission with a story of losses several months ago and asked for temporary increase to an 8-cent fare. It was granted.

A week ago the state railway commission granted another temporary continuance of the 8-cent fare and the people of Lincoln, accustomed now to the 8-cent fare, didn't protest.

The Omaha and Council Bluffs Street Railway company first went before the commission with figures galore on their investment, net and gross revenue, depreciation and other items synonymous with corporation life and asked for a permanent increased fare.

Asks Temporary Increase. Then, suddenly it jumped in with a pressing, insistent plea for a temporary increase to save it from alleged heavy losses and an order on this application will be issued soon by the commission.

Close observers of corporation affairs as they are handled are wondering whether eventually the company won't drop the application for a permanent increase and endeavor from time to time to get the temporary increases continued as sister corporations have done so successfully recently.

The Omaha company today filed a report with the commission in which it was shown by the company's figures that its June 1920 transportation revenue was \$312,166.59, while its revenue for June, 1921, was \$296,159.21, a decrease of \$16,007.38.

Powdered Buttermilk New Product of Creamery Co.

Superior, Neb., July 18.—(Special.)—The Farmers Union Creamery company here has begun the manufacture of powdered buttermilk, with an output of 1,550 pounds daily.

Buttermilk has heretofore been a matter of absolute waste at the creameries and the manufacture of it into the powdered form not only produces a revenue, but is found to be in demand and a very handy ingredient for biscuit making.

Hearing on New Bread Law Postponed Until Monday

Lincoln, July 18.—(Special.)—Hearing on the application of Omaha bakers for an injunction against enforcement of the Smith standard loaf bread law will be held before the Lancaster county district court next Monday. C. L. Dort, assistant attorney general, stated today that the hearing, scheduled for today, had been postponed until Monday.

Head of Nebraska Control Board to Speak at Aurora

Aurora, Neb., July 18.—(Special.)—At the union services of the churches of Aurora next Sunday evening in the court house square, L. C. Oberlies of the state board of control will speak on the subject, "What Nebraska Is Doing for the 5,500 Unfortunates in Her Institutions and Asylums."

Omaha Seeks to Extradite Couple As Hotel Robbers

Police Try to Connect Pair Held in Missouri Cities With Big Thefts at Fontenelle.

Omaha police yesterday started the wheels of justice toward returning a woman held in Kansas City and a man held in St. Louis to this city to face charges of several big hotel robberies yet unsolved.

The woman is Henrietta Davis, 26, who was arrested Saturday with seven suitcases filled with jewelry, silverware, expensive clothing and room keys to leading hotels of middle-western cities.

Her husband, Ralph Milton, alias Ralph Davis, alias James Roberts, alias James Driscoll, alias J. C. Brooks, whose real name Omaha police claim is Perry L. Gray, was arrested in St. Louis after a motion picture actress' room in a hotel had been robbed.

Probe Bryce Robbery. Lloyd Toland, house detective at the Hotel Fontenelle, and Chief of Police Dempsey are now working to connect these alleged hotel robbers with two recent daring robberies at the Fontenelle and room robberies at other Omaha hostilities.

On April 25, Elizabeth Bryce, appearing as the headliner at the Orpheum theater that week, stopped in Room 605 at the Fontenelle. Furs worth \$3,000 were stolen from her room.

On July 1 Miss Maude May, leader in Fremont society, occupied the same room—605—at the Fontenelle. Jewelry worth \$1,000 was stolen from her possessions.

Detectives made two arrests in connection with these robberies, but were forced to release the suspects because of insufficient evidence.

To Seek Extradition. Since then Chief Dempsey has learned the pair held in the Missouri cities was at the Paxton hotel June 30 and on July 2, the morning after the May robbery, at the Fontenelle, they left Omaha for Kansas City by automobile in a blinding rain-storm.

Chief Dempsey has wired St. Louis and Kansas City for pictures of the pair to be used in an effort to get them identified by hotel men here as suspected room prowlers.

Then he proposes to institute extradition proceedings to return them to Omaha for trial.

Assessment Action Held Up by Lack of Reports

Lincoln, July 18.—(Special.)—Action on assessments for county real estate by the state board of equalization was made impossible today because, as yet, assessments from 21 counties in the state have not been received by W. H. Osborne, state tax commissioner.

The delinquent counties are: Banner, Cherry, Dakota, Dixon, Douglas, Garfield, Jefferson, Johnson, Kearney, Keith, Knox, Lincoln, Logan, Morrill, Richardson, Rock, Sarpy, Scottsbluff, Seward, Sheridan and Arthur.

Farmer Gets 675 Bushels Of Wheat From 15-Acre Field

Superior, Neb., July 18.—(Special.)—Glen Elliott, a young farmer living six miles northwest of Superior, is marketing 675 bushels of No. 2 wheat that he produced on 15 acres, an average of 45 bushels to the acre. That particular section is exceptionally productive, many of the farmers there having a yield of 28 to 33 bushels.

Three Railroads Demand Assessment Reduction

Lincoln, July 18.—(Special.)—Representatives of the Burlington, Union Pacific and Northwestern lines appeared before the state board of equalization, demanding that a 15 per cent reduction on assessments be made on railroad property. They pointed to the reduction on farm property as a reason for reducing their property.

James H. H. Hewett Named Receiver at Alliance, Neb.

Washington, July 18.—James H. Hewett was today nominated for receiver of public moneys at Alliance, Neb., and Jules Haumont for register of the land office at Broken Bow, Neb.

Find Loot From Store When Man Arrested

Water town, S. D., July 18.—(Special.)—Loot, consisting of silks and other goods to the value of about \$800, found in the possession of Frank Johnson, who was arrested here Sunday, has been positively identified by Mrs. Spratt representing the firm of Spratt Brothers of Crocker, as goods taken from the Crocker store.

According to Mrs. Spratt, burglars gained entrance to the store through the basement window. They confined their theft to dry goods. Mrs. Spratt said they had not repaid their loss to the sheriff when word came of the apprehension of Johnson at Watertown with dress goods in his possession.

Wheat Acreage In 17 Countries Is Below 1920

Washington, July 18.—Estimates of the amount of wheat sown in 17 countries for which statistics are available show an acreage of 151,000,000 acres this year, against 155,000,000 last year, according to a summary of foreign crop prospects made public today by the Department of Agriculture.

The estimates were based upon reports from Belgium, Bulgaria, Poland, Roumania, Czechoslovakia, Algeria, Morocco, Spain, France, England, Italy, Luxembourg, Norway, Tunis, Canada, India and the United States. Comprehensive estimates of the areas for 1921 harvest in this hemisphere are not available, the report said.

Wheat in Canada shows a condition of 102, against 98 at a corresponding date last year; on oats, 100 against 93; barley, 99 against 98; rye, 101 against 96; mixed grains, 99 against 101; hay the clover, 97 against 95; alfalfa, 101 against 94, and pasture, 100 against 94.

Crops in France are suffering from lack of rain. Climatic conditions in Germany have been favorable for growing crops. The reserve of grain in that country is sufficient to last until the new crops are harvested.

Showers and light rains have improved conditions in the United Kingdom, but the quantity of rain was not nearly what was needed. In the southern hemisphere crop conditions have been reported favorable. Rains have been reported in Australia and prospects for the coming crops continue favorable. Reports from Argentina indicate the crops at present are badly in need of rain.

Town of Sterling to Have Modern Amusement Park

Tecumseh, Neb., July 18.—(Special.)—Sterling, this county, will have a park. Max Warnke, a farmer living near that place, has bought 15 acres of ground from William Kneeland, the tract bordering on the town on the northeast.

Mr. Warnke has a crew of men at work erecting a fence about the premises, building a swimming pool, dance pavilion and refreshment booth. He has a ball diamond will be laid out and amphitheater provided. It is expected the place will be opened in two or three weeks.

Neighbors Clubs to Be Guests of Aurora Rotary

Aurora, Neb., July 18.—(Special.)—The Aurora Rotary club is making preparations for the entertainment of neighboring clubs at the picnic to be held in Streeter park, August 10. The clubs at Lincoln, York, Hastings, Grand Island, Columbus and Broken Bow have been invited. It is expected that one new governor, Luther A. Brewer of Cedar Rapids, Ia., will be present.

Burglar Grabs Bathing Suit And Dives Through Window

Birmingham, Ala., July 18.—Even burglars must keep cool. One entered the home of T. H. Seebinder and after taking a course of iced luncheon from a refrigerator heard members of the family entering. He grabbed a bathing suit and dived through a window. He is recovering in a hospital.

Officer Denies Wells to Head Schulyer Mills

Secretary Asserts Scarcity of Wheat Caused Shut Down; Admits Reorganization Under Way.

Fremont, Neb., July 18.—(Special Telegram.)—According to G. W. Williams, secretary of the Wells-Abbott-Neman Milling company of Schulyer, Neb., previous reports as to the condition of the concern and the future prospects have been badly garbled. Mr. Williams is in sole charge of the plant at Schulyer at present.

He stated that the affairs of the company are in the hands of a committee composed of holders of preferred stock and Mr. Clarkson of the Peters Trust company, as a preliminary to a reorganization. He denied the statement that Mr. Wells of New York City, who is now in France, had been selected to assume management of the company.

The mills were shut down on Saturday night, he said, because of a scarcity of old wheat. The company has orders for at least a 10-day run for flour made from old wheat and a number of carloads are expected today or tomorrow, which will enable the mills to reopen Wednesday morning.

N. E. Fuller started the mill more than 50 years ago and operated it for some time. After Chauncey Abbott, sr., assumed charge of the business it began to flourish and later Wells and Neman were added to the firm. These owners are now dead and their widows hold a majority of the stock. It is expected that it will be several weeks before reorganization plans are perfected.

Grocer Fined for Assault On Sheriff With Knife

Beatrice, Neb., July 18.—(Special Telegram.)—H. E. Brown, Glenview grocer, was fined \$50 and costs for assaulting Sheriff Emery with a butter knife when the officer stepped into his place to search for "hoose." One bottle of "hootch" and about 300 empty bottles of lemon extract were found. A 60-day continuance was taken in the liquor case and Brown was released on bond.

Rancher Accused of Horse Theft Is Held for Trial

Oacoma, S. D., July 18.—(Special.)—H. E. Brown, prominent rancher of the Little Bend district, was held for trial in the circuit court under bond of \$1,000. He was accused of stealing a horse from the pasture of Bert Rosser of Kennebec.

Youth Sentenced to Prison for Robbery

Beatrice, Neb., July 18.—(Special Telegram.)—Paul Geisterm, 19, arrested here recently in company with Robert Newton for holding up and robbing Mr. and Mrs. George Monroe of \$303 the night of June 4, as they were going home in their car, pleaded guilty in district court to the charge of grand larceny and was sentenced to from one to seven years in the state penitentiary. Newton is out on \$2,000 bond and will have his hearing in a few days. Both are Beatrice boys.

Woman Burns to Death in Garage

Rushes Into Building Set on Fire by Lightning as Gasoline Explodes.

Broken Bow, Neb., July 18.—(Special Telegram.)—Mrs. Leland Rapp, 26, was burned to death in a fire started when lightning struck the garage on the farm home six miles east of Broken Bow. The woman's body was burned to a crisp.

A blinding flash of lightning awakened the family and the garage burst into flames a few minutes later, according to Mr. Rapp.

The husband ran to a neighbor's home for help. Mrs. Rapp rushed to the garage. Just as she entered the building a large tank of gasoline exploded, hurling its contents over her body.

Neighbors found the charred body beside the door. Mrs. Rapp was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Simonsen of Broken Bow. She is survived by her husband and two small children.

Singers' Association to Meet at Brookings, S. D.

Brookings, S. D., July 18.—(Special.)—The Sioux Valley Singers' association will meet in Brookings, August 3 and 4, when about 150 of the best male voices of Sioux Falls, Sioux City, Canton and Brookings will be heard in daily concerts.

Entertainment of the visitors is under the management of the Viking male choir of Brookings. Miss Esther Broomquist of Chicago, a former music teacher in the city schools, has been obtained as soprano soloist for the occasion.

Ex-British Ambassador To U. S. Returns for Visit

New York, July 18.—Viscount James Bryce, former British ambassador to the United States, and Mrs. Bryce arrived here today from England on the steamer Celtic.

Silver and Burglar Tools Believed to Be Bank Robbers' Cache

Beaver City, Neb., July 18.—(Special Telegram.)—What is supposed to be the cache of the two men arrested here last week on charges of burglary of the Bank of Nora, Neb., was discovered by Harvey Noel in a small grove near his farm one mile east of Beaver City.

The find consists of \$108.75 in silver coin. One hundred dollars was wrapped, evidently ready for shipment to a confederate.

Other articles found are an electric drill, "jimmie," wrecking bar, sledge hammers, two automatic revolvers, two new automobile tires and small tools.

Advice received by the sheriff indicates that some of the war savings stamps found on the suspects had been stolen from the postoffice at Cooper, Ia.

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