

### Movie Men Plead To Have War Tax On Tickets Lifted

#### Representatives Declare Industry in Serious Condition—High-Priced Stars Go As Slump Hits.

Washington, July 30.—The motion picture industry is in a serious condition, representatives of the industry told the house ways and means committee today.

A delegation of producers and exhibitors, headed by William A. Brady of New York, representing the National Association of Motion Picture Industry, urged the committee to repeal existing film taxes and the taxes on admission to motion picture theaters. They were assured by Representative Garner of Texas that the democratic members of the committee would support their demand.

The business depression hit the motion picture industry harder than any other, the witnesses told the committee, and there is no prospect of an early recovery to normal.

Samuel E. Rogers, vice president of the Fox Film company, told the committee that the days of high-salaried movie stars had passed.

"It is true that there are some stars who get big salaries," said Mr. Rogers. "But there is only one Mary Pickford, one Charlie Chaplin and one Douglas Fairbanks. You can't count the high-salaried stars on the fingers of one hand. The day of the high-salaried star in the movies is passed."

One-third of the movie studios now are closed down, Mr. Rogers said. Only one studio is operating in the east, and in California there is only 30 per cent of normal production, he added. Only one motion picture company was able to pay dividends last year, the witness told the committee.

"The public has got to the point where the shifting of the tax cannot be continued any longer," said Mr. Rogers. "The public does not complain to congress but they complain to us."

Mr. Brady told the committee that the depression hit the movie industry a hard blow many months ago.

"The depression in the motion picture industry is so great that the big salaries have been stopped," said Mr. Brady. "The big-salaried people almost entirely disappeared during the last few months."

### Fremont Men Identify Alleged Safe Blower

Fremont, Neb., July 30.—(Special.)—Sheriff Condit asserts that "Foot-and-a-Half" Butler, alleged egg and well known Nebraska criminal circles, has been identified by the management of the Standard Oil station as the man who visited the place a few hours previous to the dynamiting of the firm's safe and the stealing of about \$1,000. It is claimed that Butler is the man who appeared at the station and asked permission to use the desk to address an envelope. While he was apparently busy at the desk, it is believed that he made careful note of the surroundings and also "threw" the combination on the safe door.

Butler denies that he had anything to do with the robbery and insists that he has never been in Fremont. He was arrested in Nebraska City and brought back to Fremont by Sheriff Condit. If Butler manages to wriggle out of the Fremont charges, the federal authorities will ask him held in connection with the disappearance of a number of Nebraska automobiles which were recently found hidden in willows near Langdon, Neb.

### Kanred Wheat Makes Heavy Yield in Saunders County

Wahoo, Neb., July 30.—(Special.)—County Agent Walt Roberts has been keeping records of the production of kanred wheat in Saunders county fields that have been certified by the extension department of the University of Nebraska. So far 12 farmers have threshed and reported a total of 278 acres, making an average of 31.8 bushels an acre. Last year the average yield of winter wheat, all varieties, for Saunders county, as reported by the department of Agriculture, was 22 bushels an acre. It is predicted that a large percentage of the wheat sown in Saunders county this fall will be the kanred variety.

### Table Rock Farmer Hurt When Thrown From Horse

Pawnee City, Neb., July 30.—(Special.)—John Petrasek, a farmer living near Table Rock, was found unconscious in the road by dogs belonging to Frank Warner, a neighbor. He was taken to his home, where he lies in a stupor from which doctors are unable to rouse him. He had been visiting at the home of a neighbor and at noon started to return home on horseback for Filley. He was struck in the face by a pitched ball and the corner of his jaw bone fractured and several back teeth loosened.

### Expense of Neligh Schools Is Estimated at \$35,000

Neligh, Neb., July 30.—(Special.)—The board of education estimate of \$35,000 was ordered certified to the county clerk as a budget of expenses for the coming year. All non-resident pupils attending the grade schools are to be charged \$6 a month.

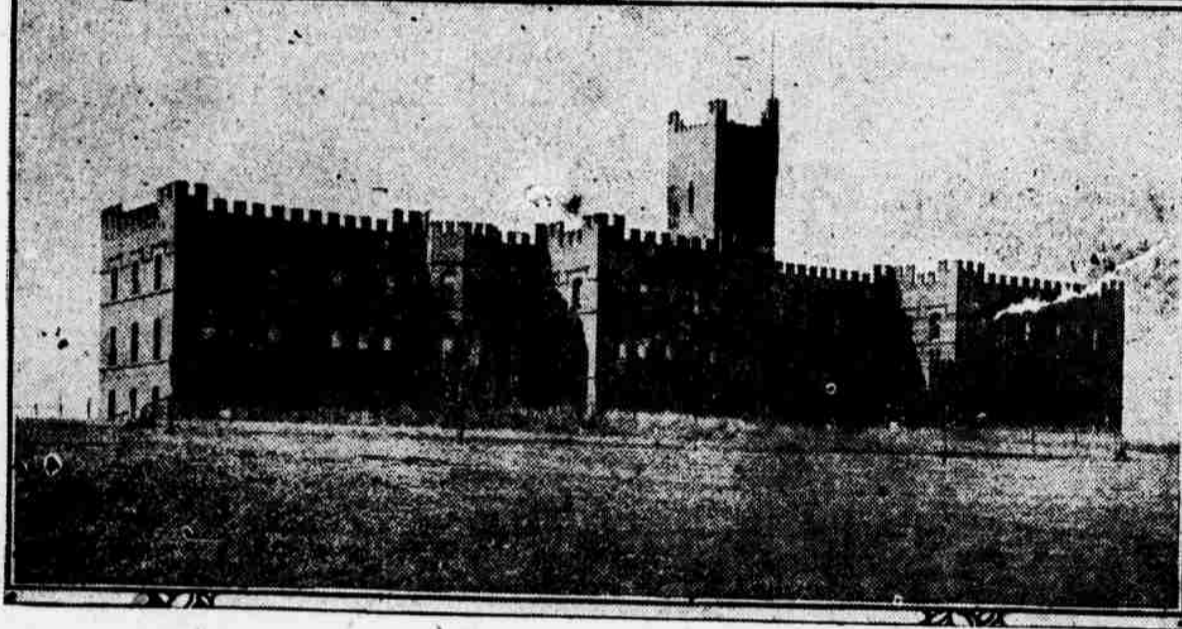
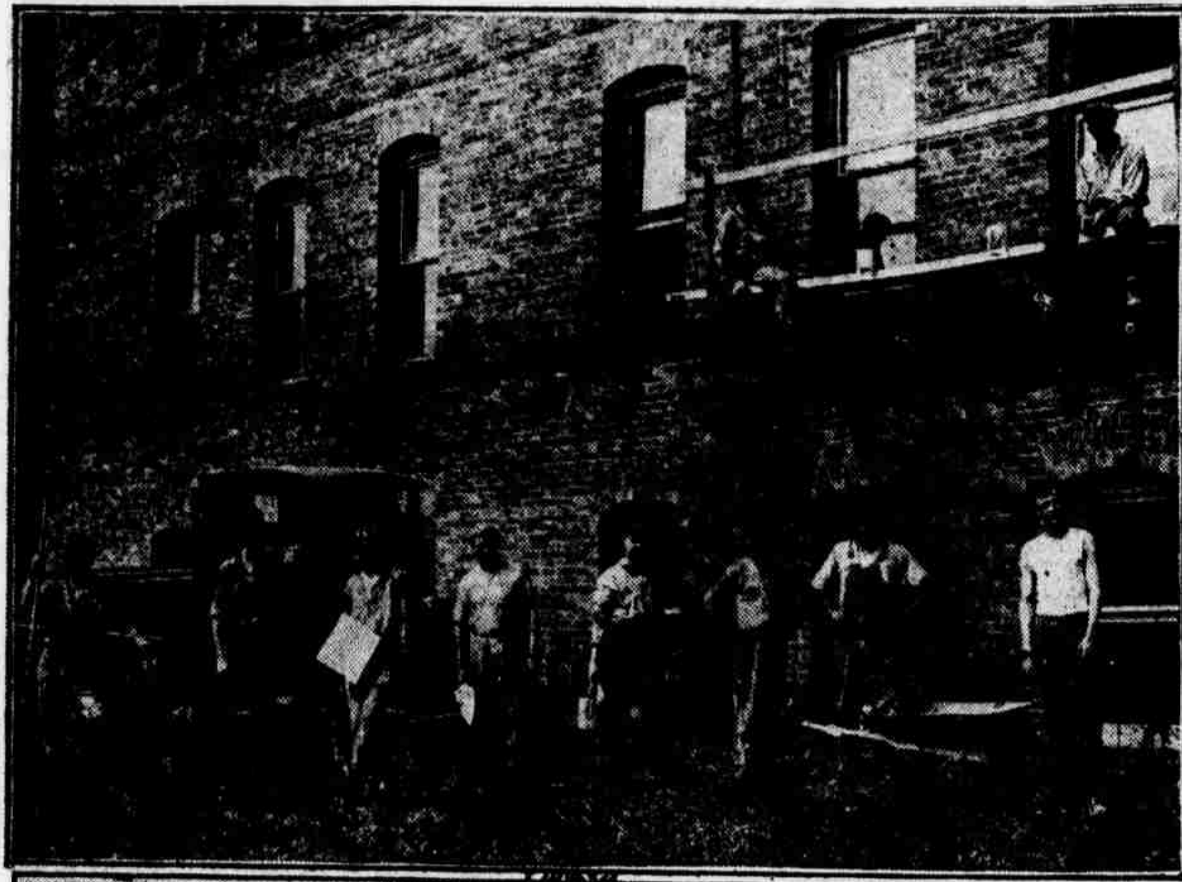
### Filley Ball Player Hurt When Struck by Pitched Ball

Beatrice, Neb., July 30.—(Special.)—In a ball game with Sterling, Percy Noakes, shortstop for Filley, was struck in the face by a pitched ball and the corner of his jaw bone fractured and several back teeth loosened.

### York Rotary Club Will Give 35 Boys An Outing

York, Neb., July 30.—(Special.)—York's Rotary club will take 35 boys to Beatrice for a two-weeks' outing on the Blue river. Marion Mulvaney will be physical director and Rev. Ira Carney will be in charge of the camp.

### Prisoners Build Own Prison



Lincoln, July 30.—(Special.)—These men aren't digging their own graves, but they are doing something, almost as weird. They are prisoners from the state

penitentiary who are preparing a prison for themselves. Each day these men pile into the truck shown in the picture and drive from the state penitentiary to the old Hayward Military institute, four miles from Lincoln, and begin transforming the institute into a place suitable for a new state reformatory.

### First Brewery in Grand Island Has Unique History

Grand Island, Neb., July 30.—(Special.)—The history of a house here is recalled in the removal of a small frame dwelling, made necessary by the opening of a new street.

It was built in 1870 by August Engle, still residing here, for John Kraft, who soon sold it to George Boehm.

Boehm had come here from Omaha to establish a brewery, and the first beer brewed in the city was made in this building. When a larger brick plant was built, the building was made into the Hanns park dance hall, small as it was, and served this purpose until John Hanns built a larger hall, now occupied as the Eagle hall.

At that time it was moved to its present location and made into a dwelling. It has now been moved to a remote street, where the men who moved it declare it will serve for 50 years more. Its sills are 12 by 12 and of cottonwood, which furnished the main rough and heavy lumber of the region at the time, being native along the Platte.

They go and come without a guard. H. P. Larson, the foreman, who is wearing "cell" clothes and a cap in the picture meets them at the building in the morning and puts them to work.

The state board of control plans to begin housing some of the men now

confined in the state penitentiary in the new reformatory in a few weeks. However, barred windows and a big wire fence, enclosing the building, will be necessary before prisoners in any great number will be confined in the new state institution.

Men, from 16 to 30, convicted of felonies for the first time, will be eligible for entrance in the reformatory.

The legislature appropriated \$300,000 for a new reformatory. The state board of control purchased the old military institute for a "song" and after it is transformed into a building suitable for housing 200 or 300 men, steps will be taken to teach these men trades.

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### Mail Clerk Shot By Bandits Who Rob Pennsy Train

#### Robbers Board Manhattan Limited, Line Up Postal Men and Escape With Pouches.

Pittsburgh, July 30.—The Manhattan Limited, premier train of the Pennsylvania lines, en route from New York to Chicago, was held up by four bandits at Cassandra, Pa., at 2:40 o'clock this morning. After wounding A. J. Lantz, a mail clerk, and rifling the mail car, the robbers escaped.

The robbery occurred between Gallitzen and Cassandra, while the train was in motion, two robbers having boarded the train when it stopped to drop the "helper," an engine which assists heavy passenger trains over mountain grades.

They climbed down over the coal in the tender and while the other two were at work in the mail car, ordered the engineer to stop the train. This he did, and at almost the same moment a series of shots sounded from the mail car.

Two of the bandits upon boarding the car, ordered seven mail clerks to throw up their hands. They quickly complied, and the bandits selecting Lantz, demanded to know from him where the valuable mail was kept.

Lantz told them there was no valuable mail on board, at which one of the bandits opened fire on him, shooting him through both legs. Then, selecting a sack of foreign registered mail, the two robbers and their two companions on the locomotive dropped off at Cassandra.

Loss is Undetermined. Federal and county authorities and state police soon were searching the mountain country and a mail bag, slit open and empty, was found soon after daylight.

Neither railroad nor civil authorities were able early today to give an estimate of the value of the loot, expected to recover. He lives at Thompsonstown, Pa.

Officials of the Pennsylvania railroad here said that the robbery is the first of a mail train in the long history of the Pittsburgh division. The Manhattan Limited, and its rival, the Twentieth Century Limited of the New York Central lines, were on an 18-hour schedule before the war. Both trains were taken off, but after the war were restored on a 20-hour schedule.

### 20-Horse Team Used By Night Riders to Move Rural School

Ellsworth, Neb., July 30.—(Special.)—During the quiet hours of the night, ranchers living near Spring Lake, 35 miles north of here, moved the school building to a location more suitable to them, two and a half miles distant. The building is 30 by 36 feet. A 20-horse team was used to move the building.

The 20-horse team is now one of the most famous institutions in Sheridan county. The move caused considerable dissatisfaction, as it will force many of the students to travel considerable farther. The question of removal has been under discussion for some time and a special meeting was called to vote on the question. The majority voted to keep the building at its present location.

The manner in which the building was moved was so like methods used in the early days of the west that the unsuccessful majority, in the spirit of the old stage coach days, simply "give up."

Franklin Chautauqua Closes. Franklin, Neb., July 30.—(Special.)—The five-day chautauqua program closed here. The attendance more than paid the expense of the enterprise.

### Kearney Youth Held On Worthless Check Charge at Tecumseh

Tecumseh, Neb., July 30.—(Special.)—A young man who has given the sheriff the names of John H. Davis and L. Springer is being held here to answer for check transactions. Under the name of Davis he contracted to buy a garage and residence property in Tecumseh and had the man from whom he was to buy introduce him at a bank. A deposit of a check for \$250 was made and later some of this was checked out. A check for \$300 was offered at another bank and refused. Springer paid his hotel bill with a check on the Central National bank of Lincoln, and it developed he had no funds there.

He claims he was acting as agent for John H. Davis in the buying of the property here, and that Davis and three other men, Homer J. Smith, a Mr. Brown and Robert C. Springer, of the same name but no relation, borrowed \$150 from him. The parties are in Omaha, Springer says, but they cannot be located there.

Springer says he has attended the Kearney High school and the state normal at that place. He says his father, Louis J. Springer, lives on a rented farm near Kearney. Springer's wife is at a hotel here.

### Widow Asks \$50,000 for Husband's Death in Fight

Pawnee City, Neb., July 30.—(Special.)—Mrs. Mary N. Johnson of Humboldt, widow of H. O. Johnson, has brought suit against Robert Carsch for \$50,000, holding him responsible for the death of her husband. Carsch and Johnson engaged in an argument on the streets of Humboldt a short time ago, which resulted in blows. Johnson was instantly killed in the fracas. Carsch also faces criminal charges as a result of the affair. Mrs. Mary N. Johnson has been made administrator of the estate.

### Jury Exonerates Truck Driver in Fatal Accident

Police Still Seek Man Who Disappeared After Collision Causing Death of Bicyclist.

Ed Noren, 2402 St. Marys avenue, who disappeared, police say, after his auto truck caused fatal injuries to Dominick Lanera, 2036 Poppleton avenue, was exonerated by a coroner's jury Friday from blame for the accident.

Witnesses examined at the inquest in Hoffman's morgue disclosed that the driver of the truck tried to stop his machine at Twentieth and Poppleton avenue when Lanera rode his bicycle in front of it, last Wednesday. Noren was not at the inquest.

Inquiry at Noren's rooming place and at the garage of the L. V. Nicholas Oil company, whose truck Noren was driving, still fails to locate him.

Funeral services for Lanera were held at 11 a. m. yesterday.

### Threshing Finished and Pawnee County Farmers Plow

Pawnee City, Neb., July 30.—(Special.)—Threshing in this section has been completed for the most part, although some machines are still busy. The grain is being marketed fast. Entire train loads pass through here on the way to market and the elevators are being run to capacity. Fall plowing is well under way. Many farmers, who completed threshing early are now nearly through with the plowing.

### Camp Fire Girls Camp

Gothenburg, Neb., July 30.—(Special.)—Several groups of local Camp Fire Girls have been in camp at Lafayette park under the guardianship of Mrs. A. H. Gutzler.

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