

Records Of Britson Co. Badly Mixed

Auditors Tell Federal Court That Company's Books Had No System—Many Entries Missing.

Case Continued Today

Wide discrepancy between reports of auditors for the Britson Manufacturing company, and that prepared by order of a dissenting stockholders' committee, featured in the hearing before Federal Judge Woodruff, yesterday afternoon, on the stockholders' request for a receivership.

Gregerson Bros., auditors for the stockholders, reported a deficit of \$2,421.19 in four years' business.

E. A. Duorak, auditor for the Britson company, reported a profit of \$63,000, by which a 7 per cent dividend was declared.

Given O. K. by State. H. E. Baldwin, accountant for the State Railway commission, examined the latter figures in 1918 and declared them "correct and minute in every detail."

Despite this fact, G. P. Gregerson and Louis A. Rued, chief accountant for Gregerson, maintained in court yesterday that the company's books show no such profit.

"If any dividend was paid, it was paid out of capital stock," declared Rued, "judging from the records."

Such payment would be contrary to law.

Both accountants scoffed at Britson's methods of bookkeeping.

In response to the question of F. A. Mulfinger, attorney for stockholders, whether Britson kept a double entry system of bookkeeping, Gregerson replied:

"There was nothing that could be called books, much less a system. All we found were loose leaf records."

Other high lights of the afternoon were:

Exposure of a 30 per cent stock-selling expense, whereas the state bureau of securities expressly set the limit at 20 per cent.

Admissions of O. A. Britson, president of the company, that he knew little of the business or bookkeeping methods of the company.

tilt between the judge and L. A. Rued, witness, in which the judge threatened to send Rued to jail "in 10 minutes," for speaking too sharply.

Books Did Not Balance. At one time, Gregerson characterized the Britson books as "a big joke."

There is nothing, he asserted, in company records handed to him to substantiate many of the figures set down by Britson or Mrs. Britson, who kept the books.

"Their figures are merely summaries set down, sometimes arbitrarily, with no place to show where they originated," said Rued. "There were no control or cash books or journals."

"They didn't know what I meant when I asked for their journal," he testified.

The auditors enumerated as questionable an item of \$128,454.30 for (Turn to Page Two, Column Three.)

Colorado Governor Backs Fight to Lower Rail Freight Rates

Denver, Aug. 30.—Oliver H. Shoup, governor of Colorado, directed letters to the governors of 16 western states asking them to join with Colorado in efforts to bring about a reduction of railroad rates.

In his letter the governor states the reasons in the following language:

"Transportation charges are so vital a factor in the commerce of the country that it does not seem possible for a full resumption of normal business to occur unless every important industry is enabled to distribute and market upon transportation charges which the traffic can pay and still show a profit. Our position is that reduced rates will produce increased traffic and should consequently produce increased revenues."

Germany Deposits Money For Reparations Payments

New York, Aug. 30.—Germany, through its fiscal agents in this country, as anticipated further reparations obligations to the allies, due tomorrow.

According to well-informed banking interests representing the Berlin government, these payments, which are variously estimated at \$65,000,000 to \$100,000,000, have been deposited with the agents of the British, French, and Belgian governments here.

Purchases of dollar exchange through Scandinavian countries to effect this transaction, were concluded several weeks ago, it was stated.

First Annual Picnic Held By Firemen at Beatrice

Beatrice, Neb., Aug. 30.—(Special.)—Nearly 300 firemen and their families attended the first annual picnic of the volunteer department at Chautauqua park. Several state officials were in attendance and made brief addresses. A basket dinner was served and the remainder of the afternoon given over to sports.

Wallie and His Wife Deny Divorce Plan, in Official Communique

New York, Aug. 30.—Rumors of marital difficulties, news of a suit for separation and other reports of the troubles between Wallace Reid, film star, and his wife, Dorothy Davidson Reid, have been current for some time past. The following message from the parties, most concerned to hear this rumor, was not able to find any evidence around our home to support such a theory.

"The news that we have separated seems to have been circulated throughout the country and for your direct information please permit us to say that we are certainly surprised to hear this rumor. We are not able to find any evidence around our home to support such a theory. As far as we know there isn't a word of truth in it. We are still doing business at the same old stand and getting ready to celebrate our eighth anniversary next month. If you will take our word for it this time, we promise to send you word ourselves if such a thing should ever occur, but there are no signs as yet. (Signed) 'WALDO AND DOROTHY REID.'"

Thrills Feature Opening of Seward Frontier Days

Over 5,000 Present at Celebration—Lorena Frickey Of Cheyenne Fame Captures Two Prizes.

Seward, Neb., Aug. 30.—(Special Telegram.)—Thrills in abundance were furnished the 5,000 spectators at the first day of the Seward Frontier days' celebration.

Kellie Manzers took first in the men's mounted relay race, with Bob Leigh, second, and Harry Walt, third.

First place in the woman's mounted relay race, went to Lorena Frickey of Cheyenne Frontier day fame. Kittie Cunnet won second.

This year's record for bulldozing at Cheyenne was shattered by six Cheyenne when Dan Hansen threw the bull in 22 seconds, capturing first place in the contest. Norman Mason of Los Angeles took second place, time 46 2-5 seconds; Slim Freidenrich, El Paso, Tex., third, 57 2-5 seconds; and Dave White, Hozen, Mont., fourth, 59 1-5 seconds.

In the 100 yard dash, Little Spider won first, Lady Mack, second and Daddy third. Bar Dadelise took first in the Indian relay race, with Lone Elk second.

Lorena Frickey captured first honors in the Roman standing race. Larry Water finished second. Gray Bell finished first in the wild horse race, with Trick Harmon second and Dave Campbell third. In the bucking contest, Norman Mason and Mrs. Johnnie Mason were hurled violently to the ground by their "brunches."

Tomorrow will be Lincoln day. Over 500 tickets have been sold to the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce. Friday will be Jim Dahlman day.

Cubans Oppose Terms Of Fordney Measure

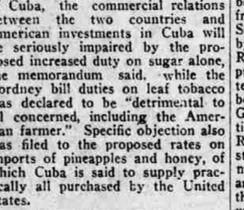
Washington, Aug. 30.—Tarriffs proposed in the Fordney bill "threaten the economic stability of the Cuban government," the minister declared in a memorandum presented Secretary Hughes in behalf of the Cuban commercial mission representing growers of tobacco, sugar and other island products.

The economic and industrial future of Cuba, the commercial relations between the two countries and American investments in Cuba will be seriously impaired by the proposed increased duty on sugar alone, the memorandum said, while the Fordney bill duties on leaf tobacco was declared to be detrimental to all concerned, including the American farmer. Specific objection also was filed to the proposed rates on imports of pineapples and honey, of which Cuba is said to supply practically all purchased by the United States.

Body of Gothenburg Vet Arrives at Hoboken, N. J.

Gothenburg, Neb., Aug. 30.—(Special.)—Word has been received here that the body of William L. Golden, who was killed in action in France, has arrived at Hoboken, N. J. Golden was one of the first local men to enlist in Company L of the Fifth Nebraska national guard. In 1918 he was transferred to the Thirty-second division and was killed in the Argonne drive October 7, 1918. The local post of the American Legion will conduct a military funeral and the body will be buried at the Fort McPherson National cemetery.

What Is It?



Soon the Gates Will Open Wide To The Kiddies

President Sends Edict To Miners

Men Gathered in West Virginia Given Until Noon Thursday to Disperse or Face Federal Troops.

Law and Order At Issue

By ARTHUR SEARS HENNING. Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire.

Washington, Aug. 30.—President Harding will employ the army to put down the insurrection growing out of the mine war in Mingo county, West Virginia, unless the lawless bands disperse by next Thursday noon.

This was the decision reached by the president late this afternoon, in conference with Secretary of War Weeks and General Harbord, deputy chief of staff of the army.

The president immediately issued a proclamation calling on the insurgents to disperse by Thursday noon in default of which he will order troops into the state to restore order. Two regiments are ready to move, one at Camp Sherman, O., which can reach the scene in three or four hours, and the other at Camp Dix, N. J.

At the instance of the president, Secretary Weeks directed General Bandholtz to proceed to West Virginia tonight and to report tomorrow and Thursday forenoon whether the president's proclamation was being complied with.

Law and Order at Issue. Mr. Harding was described as reluctant to take this action because the War department had advised him that Governor Morgan had not invoked the full resources of the state to restore and maintain order.

A delegation of West Virginians, headed by Senator Sutherland, waited upon both the president and Secretary of War Weeks and declared that the issue is the preservation of law and order, regardless of what the state might have done in that direction.

Upon receipt of the second appeal for troops from Governor Morgan, the president yielded. He declined to accede, however, to the request of John L. Lewis, president of the mine workers, that the executive call a conference of the operators and miners to endeavor to settle the violent controversy raging over the effort to unionize the mines in the Mingo district. Mr. Harding is of the opinion that more can be accomplished in this direction by the senate committee which will resume its inquiry at Williamson, W. Va., on September 19.

Text of Proclamation. The president's proclamation follows: "Whereas, the governor of the state of West Virginia has represented that domestic violence exists in said state which the authorities of said state are unable to suppress; and

"Whereas, it is provided in the constitution of the United States that the United States shall protect each state in this union, on application of the legislature or of the executive when the legislature cannot be convened, against domestic violence; and

"Whereas, by the law of the United States, it is the duty of the United States to protect the lives and property of its citizens; and

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President Goes to Front For Father of 19 Children

Harding Writes Letter Of Man John Wanamaker In Behalf of a Week as Janitor

Washington, Aug. 30.—President Harding stepped to the front today in behalf of the father of 19 children—16 living—who is working as a porter in a New York department store at \$20 a week.

In sending his congratulations to the mother, Mrs. Domenico Zaccaria, the president told how his mother, who had brought up eight children, had expressed the hope prior to her death that she might have been the mother of eight more.

After Mrs. Zaccaria had replied, telling of the burden on the father in caring for his big family, Mr. Harding wrote John Wanamaker, the merchant, asking if something could not be done for him, and Mr. Wanamaker promised to help.

The president's letter to the mother, follows: "My Dear Mrs. Zaccaria—I noticed in the photograph section of one of the Sunday papers a picture of yourself, your husband and your very remarkable family of 16 children. I cannot resist expressing my very cordial congratulations. Perhaps I am moved to do so because of a little incident in my own life.

Family of Eight Children. "My mother bore eight children and raised six of them to maturity. One afternoon shortly before her death, we were all at my home and she spoke of having borne eight children and said, with an affection most appealing to me, that she had been happy to bear eight children and if she had her life to live over she would not be loath to change it except to bear eight more. I thought it was a beautiful thing for her to say and the recollection of it inspired me to write my very cordial congratulations to you and add thereto my very best wishes. Very truly yours,

"WARREN G. HARDING."

Reply to President. To this Mrs. Zaccaria, replied: "My Dear President—With my most grateful pleasure, I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your excellency's letter congratulating me for my remarkable family.

"I wish to be excused for the delay in acknowledging receipt. I was very delighted at the news that you come from a large family and your mother was proud of having given birth to eight children and raised six to maturity.

"I gave birth to 19 children, 16 of which are alive, as their photograph is herein enclosed and send it to you as my most precious possession.

"My husband and I are never discouraged at the great task before us, as the older ones help to support the younger, but one thing I regret, that my husband's earning capacity is only \$20 per week, employed by John Wanamaker of this city.

"May I ask of your excellency's recommendation for a better position for my husband, where his earnings might be larger than at present one, so that it will give us an opportunity to bring the younger children to maturity with a better education.

"With deep appreciation of your interest, I am, most respectfully yours,

"MRS. DOMENICO ZACCARIA."

Appeals to Employer. In writing Mr. Wanamaker, the president, enclosing a copy of the mother's appeal, said he hoped it might be possible to find a way of helping this somewhat notable family, although he explained he knew nothing whatever of the merits of the case.

Mr. Wanamaker replied that Zaccaria spoke very little English, that he had been employed two years and was earning \$2 a week more than others doing similar work. He promised, however, to advance him, if it could be done, and also to find a job for one of the 16 children, a son, 22 years old, described "as tall and strong as his father."

Transfer of N.-S.-F. Stock Arranged

Plan Requires That Julius Barnes Purchase All Shares Owned in Fremont.

Fremont, Neb., Aug. 30.—(Special Telegram.)—Final details relating to the transfer of the N.-S.-F. stock owned by Julius Barnes, president of the company, to the Chicago stock exchange, according to Attorney W. J. Courtwright, who returned from another flying trip to Chicago.

Julius Barnes, the prospective purchaser, has agreed to purchase the stock of the option period from five to three years, and as a result the time limit was raised to five, as first suggested. The price was raised to the amount stipulated by the Chicago committee.

Mr. Courtwright's plan involves the purchase of the stock by Barnes, with an Omaha Trust company and requires that Barnes must purchase all of this stock or none. Courtwright promised to deposit 8,000 shares and asked the limit to be placed at 10,000.

At the suggestion of Mr. Becker, attorney in charge of the Chicago committee, the limit was placed at 12,000 shares, the Chicagoans to arrange for the additional shares needed to make up the quota required by Mr. Barnes.

Nebraska Guardsmen Held Up and Robbed Following Pay Day

Camp Dodge, Ia., Aug. 30.—(Special.)—Taking advantage of darkness, following pay day for Nebraska National Guard troops at Camp Dodge, two negroes and three white men succeeded in relieving six Omaha guardsmen of their money at Second and Court streets.

Sergeant Lanckton, Bugler Dave Hoston, Corp. J. Brunson, Jack Cole, C. Daniels and Gus Sinkler, all of Company L, were the victims. They were marching down the street when they saw two negroes in the lead and one side of the walk and hurried on past. Three whites followed and stopped the guardsmen with a display of automatic artillery, taking some \$150 from the sextette.

One of the troopers was not used to being held up and remonstrated, for which he received the butt of a .45 behind the ear, knocking him unconscious for a short time.

The case was reported to national guard authorities, who in turn reported it to Des Moines police.

Portland War Veteran Is Suicide Due to Injuries

Portland, Ore., Aug. 30.—William F. Bent, 58, president of the Portland branch of the Disabled Veterans' association, and a special city patrolman, shot and killed himself in the lobby of a downtown hotel Monday night. He suffered from shell-shock and many wounds received during war service with the Canadian army.

Lightning Destroys Barn

Callaway, Neb., Aug. 30.—(Special.)—The large barn belonging to Will Whitman, residing three miles north of here, was struck by lightning and burned to the ground. No live stock was lost. The building was partly covered by insurance.

Red Cross Aiding Vets

Lodgepole, Neb., Aug. 30.—(Special.)—The Red Cross has engaged a welfare worker to make regular visits here, assisting ex-service men in making out government claims.

C. of C. Gets Behind Big Air Meet

Unanimous Endorsement Is Given International Congress at Executive Session of Committee.

Financiers Are Assured

The Omaha Aero club won unanimous endorsement of the Chamber of Commerce executive committee this noon for the International Aero Congress, to be held in Omaha November 3, 4 and 5.

Recommendation was passed urging Omaha people to give their financial support to the project.

Indorsement followed a meeting attended by directors of the club, members of the executive committee and others invited by the chamber.

Withdrawals Request. The Aero club withdrew its request that the Chamber of Commerce underwrite the finances of the congress. The chamber's committee, which had investigated the matter, reported that the congress can be held at an expense of \$40,000, as estimated by the club.

Of this amount, \$25,000 has been guaranteed by individual business men and \$5,000 by the North Omaha activities association. This leaves \$10,000 to raise, without allowance for revenue expected from admissions and concessions.

Buckingham Speaks. Reports that the congress might be abandoned were roundly denounced by E. Buckingham and others present.

"In behalf of the chamber it should be understood that we were asked first to underwrite the entire finances of the undertaking," said Walter Head, chairman of the executive committee.

"That was an entirely different question from the one now before us. I think we all favor indorsing the project."

Women Committing As Many Crimes as Men, Judge Asserts

O'Neill, Neb., Aug. 30.—(Special.)—Women are committing as many and as varied crimes as men, declared District Judge Robert R. Dickson in pronouncing a sentence of from one to 10 years in the penitentiary to the murderer of Alton Page, a 21-year-old man, who pleaded guilty to manslaughter in assisting her husband to murder John Mize of Platte, S. D. Dehart, who also confessed, now is serving a life term at Lincoln. A former husband of the woman is also there as a big game and a brother-in-law as a cattle "rustler."

The woman criminal, the judge continued, must pay the penalty for her crime the same as though she were a man, if society is to be protected.

Nonobservance of laws in general and a resulting demoralization was deplored by the judge in a lengthy address in pronouncing sentence, and he scathingly denounced officials who failed to insist on law observance.

Officers were instructed to make a drive on gambling places in the city.

Two Negroes Held in Jail For Disappearance of Man

Jackson, Miss., Aug. 30.—Leon Viviverit, a negro, is held here today for safekeeping. Viviverit confessed to the murder of Alton Page, at Forest, Saturday night. Pattie Perdue, a negro woman, at whose house the killing occurred, is also held.

Page's body was cut to pieces and the smaller parts burned in a stove. The trunk was charred to a crisp and buried on top of the body of a negro recently interred in a negro cemetery a mile from where the crime was committed.

Pattie Perdue, who owned the house, and Leon Viviverit were arrested last Sunday night after the absence of Page had created alarm. An investigation revealed that a fight had occurred at Pattie's house. Both negroes confessed to the crime while held in the Forest jail today and were rushed to this place tonight.

Crippled Wheel Who Ran Away In Wheel Chair Returns

New York, Aug. 30.—Edna Townsend, 15-year-old cripple girl, who ran away in a wheel chair from her home in Baltimore to see New York, went back home today with her father, John Townsend, of the United States coast guard service.

Edna, who was the wheel chair, which Edna propelled to the railroad station in Baltimore, put her father on the seat and with the aid of Baltimore police he arranged to have New York police on the lookout when Edna arrived.

Evelyn Elliot, 14, who accompanied Edna on the runaway trip, also accompanied her and her father back to Baltimore.

Paris Police are Searching For Cocaine Ring Members

Paris, Aug. 30.—Paris police are searching for members of a gigantic cocaine ring suspected of having introduced and sold in Paris during the last six months more than \$5,000,000 worth of cocaine at a profit of 1,000 per cent and up.

The openness with which the drug is sold in Paris amazed officials when they began their investigation. They found it could be procured in almost any bar in the night district of Montmartre and that one "agent" transacted his business in a taxicab in which he made regular delivery rounds similar to those of a grocer.

Fifteen Pilots Entered in Chicago's Annual Derby

Chicago, Aug. 30.—Fifteen flyers have entered Chicago's first air derby to be held Labor day, it was announced today. There will be two races, one for planes under 100-horse power and the other a free for

Reform School Boys Postpone Paroles to Play at State Fair

Kearney, Neb., Aug. 30.—(Special.)—The State Industrial School band, one of the crack musical organizations of Nebraska, was scheduled to be disbanded today, over 20 members being due for parole. But when the lads were informed that their services were sought to play at the state fair at Lincoln next week, all expressed a willingness to remain until after that time.

Arrangements were also made to have them appear at the Buffalo county fair being held this week. The band of 40 boys is one of the finest the school has ever developed.

Seven Trains Will Carry Nebraska Guard to Homes

Camp Dodge Will Be Practically Deserted by Cornhusker Troops by 9 This Morning.

Des Moines, Ia., Aug. 30.—(Special Telegram.)—Seven trains will be required to take the Nebraska National guardsmen to their homes from Camp Dodge, where they have been in training for two weeks. Each train will take companies of men to the parts of Nebraska from which they originally came and by 9 a. m. Wednesday the Nebraska National guardsmen to their homes from Camp Dodge, where they have been in training for two weeks.

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