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Woman in Bath Killed by Heater

Mrs. Frances Devereux, Society Matron, Electrocuted When Electric Warmer Tumbles Into Tub.

Apparatus Fell Off Shelf

Mrs. Frances Devereux, 30, Omaha society matron, wife of F. L. Devereux, general sales manager for the American Telephone Securities company of New York, was found in a bath tub in her home at 1706 South Thirty-second avenue yesterday afternoon.

She is believed to have been electrocuted by an electric heater which had tumbled from its place at the foot of the tub and lay over her feet. She was found at 4:10 in the afternoon.

Arm Slightly Burned.

Only one spot on her body showed the effects of a current of electricity. This was on the left forearm, where a small part of the skin had been burned.

A half hour earlier, Mrs. Devereux had ordered tea and toast sent to her by her maid. The maid brought the tea, knocked at the bath room door and received no response. She called, and receiving no answer tried to enter. The door was locked.

Maid Summons Doctor.

Realizing that something must be wrong she looked at the list of doctors left for her in case the children became ill, and called Dr. J. A. Henske, who peered through the transom, saw the woman was dead and waited for a locksmith to open the lock.

The woman had a bath towel about her feet. Just above this was the heater, still glowing. The socket for turning on the heater is just over the head of the tub.

Water Heightened Voltage.

How the current could have caused the death of Mrs. Devereux is a mystery, even to electric light company officials. Walter Byrne, of the Nebraska Light and Power company, said last night that the current in the residence district was only 110 volts. This is not enough to cause death, he added. The grounding of the current in the bath tub, which evidently took place, would increase the effectiveness of the voltage, he explained.

Girl Heard Noise.

The maid said she heard a crash of some kind, shortly before she went to knock at the bath room door. This is thought to have been the noise caused by the heater in falling.

Mrs. Devereux has been prominent in Omaha charity work, in the Y. W. C. A., Salvation Army rescue work and the associated charities. She was in charge of the publicity for the charity ball last fall.

Father in Washington.

Her father, F. [illegible] Clark, a newspaper correspondent, lives at Washington, D. C. She was born in Chicago and moved to Washington with her parents at an early age.

The Devereux family have two children, Frederick, 9, and Elizabeth, 3. They have lived in Omaha for two and a half years. Until last October Mr. Devereux was auditor of the telephone company. They were making plans to move to New York and were to leave April 15.

Mr. Devereux was in Milwaukee on business when notified of the tragedy. He is expected home this morning.

Red Cross Will Feed Children Below Normal

Grand Island, Neb., March 2.—(Special.)—Somewhat astounding it was to nearly all of the seven members of a relief committee organized some time ago, excepting Mayor Ellsberry himself, to be requested by Superintendent Barr of the public schools to provide, if possible, a pint of milk a day for 96 undernourished children in two of the eight schools of the city. The request was the result of an investigation and examination made by the school nurse maintained jointly by the Red Cross and the school district. The canvass is believed to represent about one-half of the under-nourished children of the city, notwithstanding the fact that it covers only one-fourth of the schools. The Red Cross offered to provide the milk for the first three weeks, as an experiment, it being agreed with the superintendent that there should, by that time, be a complete report as to the total of undernourished children and as to the result of supplemental feeding.

Country Club at Aurora Plans $7,500 Club House

Aurora, Neb., March 2.—(Special.)—The Aurora County Club association is about ready to make its bow in this community. More than 125 members have signed up and the pressure from others who want to get in as charter members has caused the board of directors to contemplate an amendment to the bylaws which will place the membership at 175. Originally, it was contemplated that the membership should be limited to 100, but the directors could not leave that limit and made it 125. Plans for the new clubhouse have been drawn and before long the contract will be let. It is thought it will cost about $7,500.

Union Official Indicted on Charge of Grand Larceny

New York, March 2.—William A. Hogan, Mt. Vernon, N. Y., financial secretary of local No. 3, of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, was indicted by a supreme court grand jury yesterday for grand larceny of union funds.

Society Matron Succumbs to Electric Shock in Bath

Dr. Hubert Work to Succeed Hays as Postal Chief

Pueblo Physician to Take Over Duties Saturday—Nomination to Be Sent to Senate Shortly.

Washington, March 2.—Dr. Hubert Work, present first assistant postmaster general, will succeed Will H. Hays as head of the Postoffice department, it was learned definitely today at the White House.

Dr. Work, whose home is Pueblo, Colo., will take over the postoffice portfolio Saturday, when the resignation of Mr. Hays becomes effective. The nomination of Dr. Work is expected to be sent to the senate shortly.

Final announcement of the designation of Dr. Work came as no surprise, his name having been connected with the office since the prospective retirement of Mr. Hayes was announced several weeks ago.

Confers With Harding.

The elevation of the Coloradoan to the postmaster generalship will leave the position of first and second assistant postmaster generals to be filled, E. H. Shaughnessy, who was second assistant postmaster general, having lost his life in the Knickerbocker theater disaster.

Dr. Work conferred with President Harding today over the question of the assistants, but it was indicated that no decision had been reached.

First Physician in Cabinet.

Denver, Colo., March 2.—Dr. Hubert Work of Pueblo, who was appointed postmaster general by President Harding, will be the second Coloradian to hold a place in the cabinet. Henry M. Teller of Colorado was appointed secretary of the interior by President Arthur in 1882.

Dr. Work will be the first member

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Beveridge Named Head of Educational Organization

Chicago, March 2.—J. H. Beveridge, superintendent of schools of Omaha, Neb., was elected president of the department of superintendence of the National Education association, it was announced today following a ballot yesterday.

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Starting Next Sunday In The BEE

Hitchcock Raps Four-Power Pact in Senate Speech

Nebraskan Declares He Will Not Support Treaty, Following Dinner Given by Joseph Tumulty.

By GRAFTON WILCOX.
Omaha Bee Leased Wire.

Washington, March 2.—Opposition to the four-power Pacific pact grew more formidable today, following an important powwow of democratic chieftains at a dinner given by Joseph P. Tumulty last night to ex-Gov. James M. Cox of Ohio, democratic presidential nominee in 1920.

Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, ranking democratic member of the foreign relations committee, who led the fight in the senate in favor of the league of nations and who participated in last night's conference, rose in the senate this afternoon and declared against the four-power pact.

His action created something of a stir, because heretofore he had been counted as one of the friends of the treaty. In the course of the debate, Senator Jones of New Mexico, democrat, also classed as a supporter of the pact heretofore, indicated that he would join the opposition.

With these and other reported acquisitions to their ranks, the anti-treaty forces claimed to have within three votes of enough to defeat the four-power pact and they predicted further converts. Thirty-three votes are necessary for rejection and the opposition votes now number about 30, according to anti-treaty leaders. Half a dozen or more senators are listed as "doubtful."

Proponents Confident.

Administration leaders insist that the democratic revolt will lose rather than gain in strength and maintain there is no serious danger of rejection of the four-power pact or any other conference treaty.

Only four republican senators, Borah, Johnson, LaFollette and France, are definitely off the reservation and republican stalwarts are confident that there would be no further deflections. This means that Senator Underwood, the democratic leader, must deliver only eight votes to assure the ratification of the pact.

The Pacific treaties came in for considerable discussion at the Tumulty-Cox dinner. The list of guests included A. Mitchell Palmer, former attorney general; Senator Hitchcock, Nebraska; Senator Pittman, Nevada; Senator Harrison, Mississippi; Senator Robinson, Arkansas; Representative Garrett, Tennessee, democratic leader in the house; Representative Gardner, Texas, leading democrat member of the ways and means committee; Judge W. F. Connolly, Michigan; Ex-Governor Folk of Missouri; C. C. Carlin of Virginia; Daniel C. Roper, former internal revenue collector and McAdoo's right hand man; Raymond T. Baker, director of the mint; Arthur B. Rouse, chairman of the democratic congressional committee, and Angus McLean of North Carolina.

Hold General Discussion.

Mr. Cox, it was explained, just happened to be passing through Washington on his way south for a few weeks' visit. Mr. Tumulty thought it would be just the thing to have a little dinner in his honor.

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Probe Will Be Taken to Counties

Records Not Kept According to Law and Road Investigation Body Will Inspect Books.

Johnson Answers Attack

Lincoln, March 2.—(Special Telegram.)—High spots in the state and county road and bridge probe on the third day follow:

Frank Stewart, assistant state engineer, tendered his resignation after a $5 check for work performed was found and a $15 receipt, on which he collected that much money, was discovered in the state auditor's office.

George Johnson, state engineer, answered two of three charges filed against him officially this morning by Representative Charles Epperson. The third charge will be answered tomorrow as soon as figures can be compiled in Johnson's office.

Johnson charged that the reason for alleged unrelenting and venemous attacks by Epperson against his department for two legislative terms is that the Clay county board of commissioners and the state department of public works decided to run the state road directly south from Clay Center to Nelson and refused to deviate eight miles out of the direct line and take in Epperson's home at Fairfield.

Read Questionnaires.

Attorney General Clarence A. Davis read answers of 50 of the 93 counties to questionnaires asking for information as to where the $17,500,000 spent by counties for roads had gone and only four counties answered the questionnaires in detail. Forty-three did not answer the questionnaires in any manner.

The probe committee adopted a resolution offered by Davis, providing that in April it visit certain counties to be designated later and endeavor to learn if there is any way to find the amount of money spent on various county road projects.

"The deplorable condition of county records and the defiance of the law by county officials in refusing to comply with a law passed in 1917, which would have given taxpayers an idea on how much every county road project cost just as state records do on state roads, is of vital concern to every taxpayer in the state," Davis said.

Could Force Records.

"The 1917 laws demanded that the exact amount spent on every county road be kept by proper county officials."

Epperson asked Johnson if he hadn't known for sometime that such conditions existed in counties and whether he had done anything to impress county officials with the urgency of keeping books on the $17,500,000 expenditures.

"I couldn't force them to, but I wrote advising them to keep such records and at state expense sent a uniform set of books, so the bookkeeping would be uniform throughout the state," Johnson said.

One charge filed by Epperson against Johnson was that the state had purchased a gravel pit near Ashland for $18,000, which had been sold a few months before for $10,000.

"This same charge has been dragged out at two previous investigations, and explained to the satisfaction of the committees, but I'll go through it again," Johnson said.

"We hadn't been building state roads long until we learned that the gravel companies were uniting into a corporation in Nebraska and gravel prices would go up. We began looking for a gravel pit of our own and found the one at Ashland, which was for sale for $18,000 and as I believed it was worth $18,000 to the state, I bought it.

Saving of $100,000.

"Since that time gravel companies have sold us gravel cheaper than any state in the Missouri valley is getting it and in the next 10 years the fact the state has a gravel pit it can open at anytime will keep prices on gravel down and in my judgment will be the means of saving the state $100,000 in that length of time.

"When the pit was purchased for $10,000, we didn't know of the contemplated increase in price of gravel and so we were not buying a pit. There always is a first time to know a thing and the first we knew we wanted a sandpit was when it was for sale for $18,000."

Another charge was that in Keith county the first contract for a 13-mile stretch of road was let by the Keith county commissioners in the presence of the state engineer for 36 cents a cubic yard and it was later sublet for 19 cents a yard.

"There is no telling how much of the state machinery was used in making this price possible on that two-mile stretch," Johnson said. "S. C. Peterson, one of the county commissioners, had charge of the contract and the subletting must have been satisfactory to the board."

Turning to Epperson, Johnson referred to repeated charges by Epperson that many state road contracts had been sublet three and four times. He said:

"These reports from the counties show how useless to try to make a comparison between county and state road-building when such conditions exist. Surely this body would not advise turning over the state road building funds to people who paid no more attention to law than does the county road-building boards."

Morrill county residents living on the north side of the North Platte river appeared to complain against the placing of a state highway on the south side of the river, because it was five miles longer than the north side route would have been.

Johnson replied that the county

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Can the Stork Deliver the Goods?

Victims of Berg Potash Deal Tell of Profit Lure

Former Minister, of Indianapolis Says McWhorter Promised Him "Fairy Tale" Returns.

Men and women who bore the brunt of the losses when the Berg Potash company struck the rocks were put on the stand in federal court yesterday by A. W. Lane, assistant prosecutor for the government.

Alfred A. Hoffman, former minister, made the trip from Indianapolis for a scant 15 minutes' testimony. He lost $1,200. He identified a letter received by him from McWhorter November 30, 1918, in which the defendant McWhorter told him "potash profits read like a fairy tale. Being a minister of the gospel I hate to tell you how much. A $5,000 investment brought one man in Omaha $60,000 a year."

Stock Sold Above Par.

McWhorter also wrote Hoffman that there was no Berg stock for sale, but he would do what he could to procure some. Subsequently he sold Hoffman stock at $200 per share, par value $100.

Miss S. Jennie Booknau of Westerville, Neb., said to be the heaviest individual loser, testified she paid $15,000 and gave additional notes in payment of stock. As a result, she lost her home in Broken Bow, Neb., and had to put a $6,000 mortgage on her farm at Westerville.

Tells of Slacker Threat.

Her testimony that the agents who sold her the stock told her she "would be a slacker if she didn't, and that Uncle Sam needed the potash for ammunition for the war," was stricken out of the records on objections by counsel for the defense.

Miss Booknau, who is past 60, told the court she raised six orphan children during her life.

H. A. O'Hara, accountant, testified with respect to stock issued to the four defendants, W. A. McWhorter, W. G. Chipley, Charles Wohlberg and Jacob Masse, in consideration for leases on potash lakes. No cash was paid. McWhorter received 583 and the others 389 shares each.

Read Directors' Minutes.

That the promoters sold stock at inflated prices even after February 10, 1919, the day McWhorter admitted to Walter Hopewell of Tekamah that "the company had gone flooey" is a fact the prosecution expects to prove, Lane told the judge. Missing papers also were mentioned in the testimony.

Minutes of directors' meetings, at one of which the price of stock was raised from $100 to $200 per share, were introduced as exhibits. More stock purchasers will be put on the stand today.

Cotner Debating Team Wins From Grand Island College

Grand Island, Neb., March 2.—(Special.)—The debate on the question: "Resolved, that the principle of the closed shop is justifiable," between Cotner university and Grand Island college resulted in a victory for Cotner, the judges being President Carroll of the Nebraska Central college, Judge E. J. Patterson of Central City and Superintendent J. A. Doremus of Aurora. The Cotner debating team consisted of Lloyd Leavitt, Lawrence Berry and Dick McCann, while Grand Island college was represented by Harry Powers, Sylvester Scott and Hale Cole

Westerville Woman Loses All in Stocks

Jennie Booknau.

Drug and Food Men Draw Up Model Law

A model food and drug law was prepared yesterday by the standardization committee of the dairy, food, drug and feed officials of the north central states, in convention at Hotel Rome.

The model has been prepared with the view of standardizing drug and food laws in all states, members of the committee stated. The work of the committee will be submitted to the national organization for endorsement. If adopted, every legislature will be sent copies.

R. N. Perkins, consulting chemist and bacteriologist of Omaha, delivered an illustrated lecture on vitamins at the morning session.

Robbers Run Ropeline Block to Steal Silks

New York, March 2.—A rope line stretching from the 16th floor of a West Twenty-first street loft building to the seventh floor of a structure a block away was employed by burglars in a $25,000 silk robbery last night. This was announced by detectives who last night arrested three men in a loft adjoining the seventh floor establishment, the "receiving" end of the belt line. They were charged with burglary.

Police held as evidence several score of burlap bags stuffed with silks.

"No Missing Link," Says Savant Hitting at Darwin

London, March 2.—This is bad news for the circus and sideshow men.

Dr. A. T. Schofield, a British scientist, declares that there is no such thing as a "missing link."

"Life can only produce life after its own kind," declared Dr. Schofield. Grass cannot produce a tree and it would be impossible for one human being to produce a human being of another type.

Embargo Put on Grain.

Calgary, Alta., March 2.—An embargo has been placed on all shipments of grain to the Pacific coast. This has been necessitated by the large accumulation of wheat that has been in transit for a long time and is causing congestion at Vancouver.

National Wheat Marketing Pool Forecast at Meet

Committee Instructed to Make Preliminary Arrangements for Launching New Organization.

Denver, Colo., March 2.—A national federation of wheat marketing associations operating on the 100 per cent pool basis is forecast in a decision made here by a conference of state associations covering practically the entire wheat producing territory of the United States.

The conference unanimously appointed a committee instructed to make preliminary arrangements for the national organization which is to be put in effect as soon as the state societies of the middle west have actively entered the field of co-operative marketing.

At the present time the Northwest Wheat Growers, Associated, selling agency for co-operative wheat marketing organizations of Washington, Oregon and Idaho, is the only establishment now actually selling wheat. Other states which have organization work under way or plan immediate action toward organization are North Dakota, Kansas, Texas, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Colorado.

The committee appointed to plan the tentative organization consists of George C. Jewett, general manager of the Northwest Wheat Growers, Associated, Portland, Ore.; W. K. Kansdon, national organizer, Farmers' union, Salina, Kan., and D. G. Murley, president of the Oklahoma Wheat Growers' association. The first meeting of the committee will be held in Kansas City, March 9.

Mary Pickford Wins Suit on Salary Raise

New York, March 2.—Mary Pickford does not have to pay Mrs. Cora C. Wilkenning any part of the $108,000 which Mrs. Wilkenning claims was due her as commission for getting the film star a raise of $10,000 a week. This was the verdict of a federal jury returned last night and unsealed today before Federal Judge Mack.

Neither Mary nor her husband, Douglas Fairbanks, were in court when the verdict was announced. Her counsel rushed to the telephone to acquaint her with the news at her hotel.

Counsel for Mrs. Wilkenning filed notice of an appeal.

Woman Shot by Mate Dies

Miami, Fla., March 2.—Mrs. Edgar C. Frady of Chicago, sister of John R. Thompson, Chicago restaurant magnate, who was shot here Sunday by her husband, who later attempted suicide, died today.

The Weather

Forecast.

Friday—Fair; rising temperature.

Hourly Temperatures.

5 a. m.	12	1 p. m.	32
6 a. m.	11	2 p. m.	34
7 a. m.	12	3 p. m.	36
8 a. m.	14	4 p. m.	37
9 a. m.	17	5 p. m.	38
10 a. m.	20	6 p. m.	37
11 a. m.	24	7 p. m.	35
12 noon	30	8 p. m.	33

Highest Thursday.

Cheyenne	40	Pueblo	44
Davenport	28	Rapid City	44
Denver	44	Salt Lake	30
Des Moines	34	Santa Fe	50
Dodge City	26	Sheridan	46
Lander	24	Sioux City	40
North Platte	48	Valentine	42

Yanks May Raise Cash on Bonus

Certificates Cover Total Adjusted Compensation Pay at Rate of $1 Day in U. S., $1.25 Overseas.

Bill Provides for Loans

Washington, March 2.—Unanimous agreement to eliminate the cash feature of the soldiers' bonus except in the case of men whose adjusted service pay would not exceed $50 was reported today by the special subcommittee of republican members of the house ways and means committee, to which the whole bonus question was referred yesterday.

In lieu of cash for the ex-service men it was agreed to add a new provision to the bonus bill under which the men accepting adjusted service certificates could borrow immediately on these certificates from banks a sum equal to 50 per cent of the total adjusted service pay, computed at the rate of $1 a day for domestic service and $1.25 a day for foreign service.

Official Statement.

This official statement of the agreement of the subcommittee was issued by Chairman Fordney:

"The subcommittee consisting of Chairman Fordney, Messrs Green, Longworth, Hawley, Treadway and Copley have tentatively agreed upon and prepared a provision to be submitted which in substance is as follows:

"The elimination of the cash feature of the bonus bill where the veterans are entitled to more than $50 adjusted service pay, but adding a new loan provision to the adjusted service certificate title which will enable holders of such certificates to borrow from any national bank or bank or trust company incorporated under the laws of any state 50 per cent of the sum of the adjusted service pay prior to September 30, 1925. This date was fixed because after that time the bill as originally drafted by the comprovits for a larger percentage of loan by the government and has not been changed by the subcommittee."

May Obtain Cash.

Chairman Fordney said this plan was expected to meet with general approval since it enabled the soldiers who may be in need to obtain cash immediately after the issuance of the certificates; would relieve the treasury of any large cash payment during the enormous refunding operations which must be carried out in the next two years, and would place no additional tax burden upon the public.

Governor Harding of the federal reserve board was before the subcommittee today discussing the interest and other questions. It was suggested that the interest rate should exceed a figure greater than 2 per cent above the rediscount rate of the regional reserve banks.

Under another tentative provision being considered the title to the certificates could not be disposed of by the service men, the idea being, Mr. Fordney explained, to prevent the certificates falling into the hands of loan sharks.

It was explained that the $50 cash payment was retained in the bill because the men entitled to only this amount undoubtedly would prefer the cash to a 20-year certificate.

Veterans' Head Urges Bonus Bill Passage

Washington, March 2.—The hope that "the administration will not continue to procrastinate very much longer and will fulfill the promise made in the last national election, and pass the veterans' adjusted compensation bill without further delay" is expressed by Edwin S. Bettelheimer, jr., chairman of the national executive committee of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, in a letter to President Harding, made public today.

Mr. Bettelheimer said that he was just in receipt of a report showing that 12,000 of the 30,000 former service men in Cuyahoga county, Ohio, who applied for the adjusted compensation voted by the state of Ohio, were unemployed.

"If this is indicative of the condition existing throughout the country," the letter said, "it would mean that approximately 2,000,000 of the ex-service men are out of employment. How many of these are in destitute circumstances would be hard to tell."

Man Convicted, Girl Freed, in $1,000,000 Rum Swindle

New York, March 2. — Edward Donegan was found guilty today and Miss Regina Sassone not guilty of conspiring to defraud the government on a big scale by trafficking in stolen liquor withdrawal permits. Donegan was remanded for sentence. The government charged that Donegan had made more than $1,000,000 through liquor frauds and characterizing the girl, formerly a clerk in the state prohibition director's office, as "an unfortunate instrument and tool," pointed out that the jurors could recommend mercy in her case.

Lloyd George May Resign

London, March 2.—(By A. P.)—Either an early election or the resignation of Prime Minister Lloyd George will be the upshot of the present political crisis, it is generally believed.

The apparently widening breach in the conservative party, together with the consistent gain in strength of the liberals under former Premier Asquith and the laborites, as evidenced in the recent bye-elections, have forced these alternatives upon the premier.