

Conflict in Death Story to Be Sifted

Coroner's Jury Called on to Bare Facts in Gun Battle Resulting in LaVelle's Death.

To Hold Inquest Monday

A coroner's jury will be called upon to decide which of two widely conflicting accounts tells the true story of Friday night's gun battle which resulted in the death of Patrick LaVelle, candidate for sheriff and former city councilman.

Police fired the first shots, says Mrs. James Whalen, 3012 South Thirty-second avenue. Denying this, George Stephens, police officer, declares he was wounded before he drew his gun.

LaVelle and Joseph Mulvihill, 22, both armed, were searching for three bandits at 12:30 Saturday morning when the encounter with police occurred at Oak street and Thirty-second avenue.

Inquest Monday. Coroner Paul Steinwender assumed personal charge of the investigation yesterday morning into the shooting. An inquest will be held Monday afternoon at 2 in the Larkin morgue in South Omaha.

"I am determined to discover who made the grievous error which led to the death of LaVelle," said Steinwender. The bandits for whom LaVelle and young Mulvihill were searching had, but a few minutes before the gun battle, held up and robbed three bandits.

"I was aroused when the car drove up and stopped," said Mrs. Whalen. "I saw a man get out and fire several shots. I hadn't heard any shots before I saw him shoot. Then I saw two men running east. The man who fired the shots was small."

Detective Stephens, who is confined at Lister hospital with bullet wounds in his right shoulder and right leg, tells a different story. "Hayes and I were to meet two men at Thirty-second and Oak streets to get descriptions of the bandits. We found no one at that corner so we drove around several blocks on the lookout. Going back to the corner, we saw two men walking north on Thirty-second avenue."

"We thought they were the robber victims, as there were three men who had been held up. Hayes stopped the car directly beneath an arc light. We both had on our uniforms. I stepped from the car and the two men stopped."

Bullet Hits Officer. "Wait a minute, boys, we're officers," I told them. With that, one of them opened fire on us. My gun was on my right side. As I reached to pull it a bullet struck me (Turn to Page Eight, Column Two).

Hanley Seeks to Show Malt Sales Are Legal. In an effort to show that the sale of malt and hops is justifiable under the federal prohibition law, David W. Bernstein and Max Fried, proprietors of the Bee Hive grocery store, 822 North Sixteenth street, through their attorney James H. Hanley, filed a petition in federal court for an order directing federal prohibition agents to return the malt and hops seized recently.

The petition was filed on the grounds that the malt companies contend that the sale of their product is not in violation of the national prohibition act. Attorney Hanley stated that he has rulings from Federal Prohibition Director Haynes in Washington that the prohibition department does not intend to interfere with the sale of malt and hops as they are not considered contraband. The case will be heard by Judge J. W. Woodrough on May 20.

Woman's Clubs Members at Reception for Authores. Plattsmouth, Neb., May 13.—(Special Telegram.)—More than a score of Plattsmouth women attended the Aldrich day celebration and reception at Elmwood, when 500 representatives of southeastern Nebraska women's clubs spent the day with Mrs. C. S. Aldrich, or Bess Streeter Aldrich, as she is better known in literary circles. The reception was held in the Methodist church.

Gun Battle Principals



Here are four principals in the gun battle at Oak street and Thirty-second avenue Friday night. In the upper left corner is Florence LaVelle, 18, who, with Joseph Mulvihill, 22, 3611 North Sixteenth street, shown in the upper right, was held up by three bandits shortly before the fatal shooting.

Below, on the left, is Patrick J. LaVelle, who was killed, and on the right Police Officer George Stephens, who lies wounded at Lord Lister hospital.

Neither Stephens nor Leo Hayes, the officer who accompanied Stephens, were able to say which one shot LaVelle. Neither could any of the parties in the affair say by whom Stephens was shot.

Omaha to Continue as Mid-Western Air Mail Center

Action of House Committee in Reinstating Appropriation Ends Fight for Service. By GEORGE F. AUTHIER, Washington Correspondent of The Bee. Washington, May 13.—(Special Telegram.)—Omaha will continue the midwestern center of aerial mail service of commercial aviation as the result of the action of the house today which approved the conference report reinstating the \$1,900,000 appropriation in the postoffice appropriation bill for the air mail service.

This determines the fight which has taken place as to whether the New York-Chicago-Omaha-San Francisco transcontinental air mail service should be maintained. The postoffice department regards this as the first step in the further development of the service to a degree not yet approved. It is proposed to put on a night-service and Assistant Postmaster Paul B. Henderson is already at work determining a night-course for planes flying across the continent.

Jeffers Is Interested. These plans have Omaha in mind as the midwestern central point. The development of the service will require additional repair shops, etc., and Representative Jeffers of Omaha is interesting himself in the Omaha station development.

The plans which the Postoffice department has in mind are based upon the central location of Omaha, not only as a midway point between east and west, but as the approximate center of the country from which radiating lines may eventually be operated in every direction.

Chicago boosters have already offered the government two fields which they propose to equip suitably for night landings and the Postoffice department will seek to have similar fields located in every section. Under the circumstances, the department is likely to approve of any decision that may be made to utilize the Omaha field near the Missouri river which was used during the air congress and which is described here as suitable for night landings.

The Postoffice department's interest in developing aerial mail service is in line with the decision of every branch of the government to encourage commercial air service. Is Believed Essential. The military branches of the government believe this is essential if the United States is to maintain its position as a world power.

94 Reservations Already Made on "Sunrise Special". Ninety-four business and professional men of Omaha have made reservations on the "Sunrise Special," which leaves here May 22 to carry the message of good will and fellowship to 112 cities and towns in Omaha trade territory. The trip is to be made on a 10-car all-steel train.

Night stops will be made at Jefferson and Sioux City, Ia.; Winner, S. D.; and O'Neill and Norfolk, Neb. The famous siren whistle, which has announced the arrival and departure of Omaha trade trains for years, again will be in evidence, as will be Dan Desdunes band. More than 40,000 souvenirs will be given away.

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Daugherty Will Probe Gas Prices

Motorists Aroused Over Recent Jump in Gasoline—Oil Concerns Say Rates May Go Higher.

Congress May Take Hand

Washington, May 13.—Motorists of the country are up in arms over the sudden rise in the price of gasoline, a rapid climb of from 4 to 5 cents a gallon in one month in nearly every section of the country and appeals to the department of justice for an inquiry into the situation have been heeded.

Complaints have been pouring into the department for 10 days, particularly from the eastern section where the price for ordinary fuel gasoline leaped from 24 cents to 28 cents a gallon within a few weeks, the pinnacle being the highest reached for several years. Congress is threatening to take action in the matter, also.

There has been filed with the department, latest reports of oil resources showing the United States has the largest reserve supply of gasoline in its history. This is supplemented by other reports compiled by the geological survey, indicating that production is very high and probably will continue so indefinitely.

Threats of the oil interests that gasoline prices may go still higher in America at more than \$1,000,000,000 a year, and officials may find it necessary to go minutely into the business practice of oil concerns over preceding years.

Senator McKellar, Tennessee, introduced a resolution for a senatorial investigation into the rise in prices. He has immediate action on it, but the resolution went over until Monday.

Changes at Ames School Demanded

Resignations of President and Two Deans Called for by Taxpayers' League. Des Moines, May 13.—(Special Telegram.)—Resignations of President Pearson, Dean Curtis and Dean Marston of Iowa State college at Ames were demanded by the United Taxpayers' League of Iowa.

A statement issued here by officers of the league charged that the "political activities" of the Ames professors was "detrimental to the welfare of the state" and demanded their resignations at the end of the collegiate year.

Several of the radical changes in the Ames school which the taxpayers demanded were: Discontinuance of the extension department. Time spent by faculty members in lobbying before the state legislature to be deducted from their payroll.

The college fund to be reduced 50 per cent for the next five years. Enrollment to be limited to employ civil engineers and county agents. A tuition of \$100 to be charged each student per year.

Air Mail Fund Provided. Washington, D. C., May 13.—The house today agreed to a Senate amendment to the postoffice appropriation bill, providing \$1,900,000 for operation of the New York-San Francisco air mail service during the year beginning July 1.

WHERE TO FIND THE BIG FEATURES OF THE SUNDAY BEE. PART ONE. Henrietta M. Rice's Description of Life in Cairo. Page 9. PART TWO. Society and News for Women. Page 1 to 3. Shopping with Folly. Page 4 to 5. The Romance of a Million Dollars. Page 6. serial by Elizabeth DeJong. Page 7. Love and Learn. Page 8. The Married Life of Helen and Warren. Page 9. For Live Boys of Omaha. Page 12. Amusements—Pages 13, 14, and 15. Music News. Page 16. "Happyland" for the Children. Page 11. PART THREE. Sports News and Features. Pages 1 and 2. Of Special Interest to Motorists. Pages 3 and 4. Want Ads. Pages 5, 6 and 7. Markets and Financial. Page 8.

Bee to Broadcast Good Will Concert; First Time Theater Event Sent Out From Omaha by Radiophone Station

Wireless Fans Can Hear Splendid Entertainment for Trip-to-France Candidates. Microphones to Be Hung in Brandeis Theater—Wires Run to Grain Exchange.

The first theatrical program to be broadcast by radio in this section of the country will be transmitted through ether to hundreds of wireless enthusiasts next Tuesday night from the Brandeis theater under the auspices of The Bee.

The program will be an entertainment by the Union Pacific and Orchard & Wilhelm organizations, backing candidates in The Bee Good Will election. Nellie B. Donn, the Union Pacific favorite, and Kathleen Rossiter, whom the Orchard & Wilhelm group hopes to send to France, will give messages that will be transmitted through microphones to the Omaha Grain Exchange broadcasting station, thence through the air to be picked up by radio enthusiasts.

Program Starts at 8:15. The program will begin at 8:15. It will be an experiment of relaying entertainment through microphones to the broadcasting station. The Bee has made arrangements with Ray Rainbolt and Frank Taylor, owners of the Grain Exchange sending station, to transmit the program.

So you radio amateurs tune in at 300 meters on your sets next Tuesday night and listen in on one of the most interesting programs even staged. The first feature will be the appearance on the stage of Misses Donn and Rossiter in Arabian saddles borne by stork attendants. The Omaha band, directed by Marshall B. Craig, will play "Marche de Concerta," followed by Mrs. Raymond Morse Austin in her characteristic, "Joan of Arc." Mrs. Austin will ride a white horse, "La Marseillaise," by the band, will add an inspiring touch to this part of the program.

Selections by Band. The band then will play "Union Pacific Limited," "Orchard-Wilhelm Special," and "The Omaha Bee Rag." An address by Charles R. Gardner, secretary of the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben, will be the next feature. Loretta DeLone, one of Omaha's leading harpists, will offer a series of selections. An overture by the band will be followed by McDougall's Omaha Kiltie band. The last group by the Omaha band will be "Stars and Stripes Forever," "Hands Across the Sea," and "Omaha Legion March."

Much Interest Today. This entertainment feature has aroused much interest among the supporters of Misses Donn and Rossiter and it has spurred the other candidates to increase their efforts. The Union Pacific and Orchard & Wilhelm organizations are in a competitive ticket-selling campaign for the Tuesday night event. The proceeds will go to the Good Will fund of the American Committee for Devastated France and the votes of Misses Donn and Rossiter will be increased to the extent that their respective sides sell tickets.

The Omaha Bee, co-operating with the American Committee for Devastated France, offers a number of women, resident in Nebraska and Iowa, the honor of representing this section in the Good Will delegation to France, which will sail from New York, July 22.

Prince of Wales Is Injured in Polo Game

Manila, P. I., May 13.—The prince of Wales, who arrived here this morning, suffered a slight injury during a polo game when a player behind him hit a ball that struck the prince a glancing blow over the right eyebrow, cutting a gash an inch and a half long. It was necessary to take two stitches in the wound.

The wound is not serious. The prince retired from the game and returned to the British cruiser Renown. He was unable to attend the dinner and reception that Governor Wood had arranged for him. It was announced the prince will resume the activities of his visit tomorrow.

George N. Lamb, 56, Dies; Long Resident of Omaha. George N. Lamb, 56, old-time resident of Omaha, died at his home, 1755 South Ninth street, Friday night. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Herbert A. Mead of Detroit and Mrs. Lillian Lamb of Omaha; two sons, Glen W. and Millard C. of Omaha, one sister, Mrs. Millard C. Smith of Parsons, Kan., and one sister-in-law, Charlotte Richelieu of Omaha.

Funeral services will be held at the home Monday morning at 10. Burial will be in Prospect Hill cemetery.

May Raise Parcel Post Rates. Washington, May 13.—If the \$100,000,000 annual deficit of the Postoffice department is to be wiped out it may be necessary eventually to increase parcel post rates, Postmaster General Work said today in a letter to the Interstate Commerce commission, outlining the growth of the parcel post system. No plans have been made to increase rates and no suggestions have been formulated to meet the present postal deficit, he added, but he was of the opinion that facts pertaining to the situation should from time to time be laid before congress and the Interstate Commerce commission.

Incendiarism Suspected in Fire in Beatrice Home. Beatrice, Neb., May 13.—(Special Telegram.)—Fire of undetermined origin damaged the home of Mrs. Anna Lenz in West Beatrice. Workingmen on the theory that the blaze was of incendiary origin. Fire Chief Whiteside has communicated with the state fire warden.

Forecast. Sunday: Fair; not much change in temperature. Hourly Temperatures. 5 a. m. 53 1 p. m. 70 6 a. m. 51 2 p. m. 71 7 a. m. 49 3 p. m. 72 8 a. m. 48 4 p. m. 69 9 a. m. 47 5 p. m. 66 10 a. m. 46 6 p. m. 64 11 a. m. 45 7 p. m. 61 12 noon 44 8 p. m. 59

Dynamite for Bombs Is Stolen

Explosives Used by Terrorists in Chicago Labor War Taken From Warehouses of City.

More Suspects in Jail

Chicago, May 13.—Taxpayers of Chicago have furnished the dynamite the labor terrorists have been using to destroy factories and homes. Hundreds of pounds of dynamite have been stolen from the storehouses of the great water tunnels. Thus, it appears, the city paid for the explosives used to wreck portions of the commonwealth, and also paid the salaries of the men who stole and used it. The fact that the labor terrorists are in possession of this large amount of dynamite may explain the warning in hundreds of anonymous letters to law officials, that "if a single union man is in jail by sundown Saturday night, Chief of Police Fitzmorris and all the states attorneys who are prosecuting the case will be slain and half the city will be blown up and laid in ashes."

More Suspects Arrested. More than a dozen new suspects were rounded up today and the police feel certain they have under arrest the actual killers of the two policemen and the bombers who stormed the battle. Sensational confessions are said to have been made, positively linking up the exconvict leaders with the killings. Some of the most important information is said to have been secured from "Smash" Hanson, who has refused his freedom on a writ of habeas corpus, saying he would be slain by the labor camorrist if turned into the street. He will be guarded in police stations and used by the state as one of its star witnesses.

Jerry Horn, under indictment for murder, but who fled before the indictment was voted, has been trailed to the sand dunes of Indiana and a police expect to capture him in a few hours.

Demand Immediate Trial. "Big Tim" Murphy, "Frenchy" Mader and "Con" Shea, the "big three" of the labor camorra, appeared before Chief Justice Scanlan today and demanded immediate trial. Earlier in the day writs of habeas corpus for Murphy and Mader were withdrawn before Judge David and a similar writ for Shea was dismissed by Justice Scanlan. Shea was immediately taken into custody by a deputy sheriff.

Another important arrest was made by the St. Louis police. They had turned a prisoner loose, but on advice from Chicago, rearrested him and are holding him incommunicado. Papers found in his clothes, and letters taken from "Con" Shea link him with the bombings and murders.

Two Men Drown Near Tekamah

Attempt to Row Boat in Missouri River Fails—Former Sailor Saves Self. Tekamah, Neb., May 13.—(Special Telegram.)—Two men lost their lives in the Missouri river near here when their boat was overturned by the strong current. They were engaged in rip-rapping on the river. The big boat had left the shore and it became necessary to take a cable out to her.

The foreman, who was known as "Jack," realizing the danger, told his men he would not order any of them to go, but if some one would volunteer to accompany him, they would essay the trip. Two men volunteered.

The current and waves proved too strong and the boat capsized. One of the men, whose name was not learned, but who had been a sailor, caught onto the boat, and was carried by the stream nearly three miles, where the boat grounded on a log, saving his life. The other two men, Jack, and a young man by the name of Pearson, floated almost within reach of ropes from the shore, then went down. The bodies have not been found.

Pearson formerly lived around Tekamah. His sister, Rose Rogers, has been notified. The foreman had been placed over the men only about a week before. His relatives are not known.

Workers Seize Creamery Factory Plants in Ireland

Belfast, May 13.—(By A. P.)—The employees of the Cleve Creamery factory at Carrick-On-Suir and of its branches at Tipperary, Clongmel, Knocknong and Malrow, took over the plants today as a failure of negotiations with their employers regarding wages. The red flag was hoisted at all these places.

The employees of the Tipperary branch issued a proclamation declaring that the owners of the plant had amassed a profit of more than 1,000,000 pounds during the war and that now they wanted to reduce the workers' wages by one-third. Therefore, said the proclamation, employees had taken control themselves in the interest of the workers and farmers of the general community.

Paving Contract Awarded. Newman Grove, Neb., May 13.—(Special Telegram.)—Contract for paving the business district at Newman Grove with reinforced concrete was awarded the Asplund Construction company of Tecumseh at \$2.34 per square yard.

Stage Health Pagent. Madison, Neb., May 13.—(Special Telegram.)—The health pagent under the direction of Miss Mary Aden, Red Cross nurse, was well attended.

Plan for Grain Harvest. Kansas City, Mo., May 13.—Plans for handling the coming grain harvest in the middle west will be made at a meeting here today of the National Farm Labor Exchange, according to an announcement by Claude E. Connolly, Oklahoma state labor commissioner and president of the exchange. He said an attempt would be made to arrive at a standstill for harvest workers as they go from one state to another, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North and South Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota and Oklahoma will be represented at the meeting.

Adams Woman Is Injured When Building Blows Over. Beatrice, Neb., May 13.—(Special Telegram.)—Mrs. George Schmidt had three ribs broken, her shoulder dislocated and an ugly gash cut in her forehead when a large chicken house was blown over upon her during a winter storm at her home near Adams. The fact that one edge of the structure rested on a pile of coals probably saved her life.