

## RACING SEASON OFF TO FLYING START

### UNUSUAL HAPPENINGS ABOUT TOWN DURING THE PAST WEEK

**John Campbell With South Side Friend Said To Make The Long Nights Hideous Of Late**

### SHOVEL STIFF ROLLED FOR HIS DOUGH

**Claimed That Aetna And Victoria Hotels Getting Ready To Make A Killing—Samardick Makes Another Cleaning—Two Slickers Gyp Underworld Woman At Race Track—Colorful Gypsies Get 5 Hundred Dollars From Banker.**

Unusual and perhaps very truthful stories are going about town concerning John Campbell who drives about town in his Buick coupe and is said to be having a grand and glorious time. Some vivid tales are told about his various activities in certain places near the Twenty-fourth street viaduct. He and George down at the stock yards have one heck of a time and they both feel they are the cock of the walks from a partying standpoint. There is a heap to the story concerning their various activities.

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The Aetna hotel is getting ready to make a cleaning as is the Victoria during the Disabled Veterans national convention so it is alleged. These two places seem to be about the only ones left which are getting away with about everything. There are however a few rooming houses along Sixteenth Seventeenth and Eighteenth which are no more or less than houses of prostitution and if no one else is going to take care of them to the extent of protecting the interests of the disabled visitors the Mediator will point them out to the authorities and the public that they may be cured during the forthcoming convention. The wounded boys must be protected while in the city, if some of the hookers must loose out on what they thought was going to be a bit of soft dough.

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A dirty little she-devil living in the neighborhood of Thirtieth and Cass streets got her mud hooks on a shovel stiff (construction worker) who came to town lousy with jack, early this week. What she did to him was a plenty. First she took him down to see the Smelter works at some nine

bells. A little later she took him a bit further north to show him the river and other things. He got what he was after all right and so did she. When the short time party was over including a drinking party, the shovel stiff went to sleep. Eventually he awakened sans a solid gold watch, sans his purse containing some hundred dollars but wiser in the ways of the world. Well some one had to get it they say.

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A story was given the Mediator last week concerning a certain party in the city hall. It had the earmarks of truth but after the most careful investigation it proved to have been made out of whole cloth. Must have been some personal enemy of the party referred to who thought he could pull one of those nasty revenge stunts.

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Some day a mathematician will come along and figure out much 16 hundred cases times 12 bottles per case, times 10 dollars per gallon wholesale, times 25 cents a drink amounts to, after which the public will know just what kind of a haul Bob Samardick made, assisted by Knox of Council Bluffs this week. The alk was taken from the old Kimball laundry. The owner says he didn't know the real purpose for which the building was rented. Oh well, maybe not, no one seems to know anything these days when it comes to renting buildings and perhaps don't give a damn.

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Two slickers framed on a "broad" opening day at the races. Their (Continued on page 3)

### ISAACSON'S OFFER TO BRING CHAMPION WALKER HERE RENEWS FIGHT INTEREST

**Legitimate Proposition Of Legion Promoter Biggest Ever Made In This Part Of The West—Gibbons In Wonderful Shape To Meet Gene Tunney Tonight—Knockout By Rosenberg Loses Him Profitable Battle.**

Betting on the Fifteenth street fight rialto favored Simonich at heavy odds but Schlafier stock was going up at noon (Friday) with the prospects that he would enter the ring about a four to five bet. When the paper reaches readers they will have known the results of the fight but a guess before the fight is not amiss. It is unbelievable that Morrie or Joe can lose the decision by a knockout. Both birds are too tough to take the count unless one should get in a lucky punch, something that does happen at times among the boys who fight but are not much at boxing. Some wild, weird bets were made on the outcome of the scrap along Thirtieth street Thursday. One party put up fifty simonians to seventy-five there would be no knockout. Two gambling fools watching the transaction made a bet, Mr. J. S. bet Harry M. \$1250 to \$100.00 that Simonich would be given the decision on or before the end of the sixth round. Not a bad bet if J. S. loses but not a very good one at that.

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Speaking of fights and fighters, a rather interesting event occurred down in Cincinnati this week when "Phil" Rosenberg knocked out Al Pettlingill. Phil hit him so hard that he busted his own mits and he had to cancel a match in Cleveland, scheduled for next week that would have paid him three times the money he received for the knockout. That should be a lesson for Omaha fighters who should deliver only taps if they are to be safe from any calamity. Some scrappers seen in action here in the past must have thought about such a catastrophe before entering the ring.

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Tom Gibbons will enter the ring tonight in the pink of condition for his fight with Gene Tunney, light-heavyweight champion and has more than an even chance to annex the crown and to be again in line for a return match with Jack Dempsey if the Champ decides he will once more enter the ring to defend his title.

After a study of Gibbons' mental attitude before and after his strenuous training there seems to be no question as to his splendid condition. Tom is personally and mentally attuned for the big battle which will decide who will be the logical candidate to take on Jack.

Gibbons is much heavier than ever but is in such shape that a workout today will take off just enough meat to put him in ideal shape for this most crucial battle. Tunney has been training faithfully and appears to be in just as good a shape as is Gibbons which should make the Polo grounds fight one of the most outstanding matches since the Dempsey-Gibbons Montana argument.

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Jake Isaacson's offer to Tex Rickard of 15 thousand dollars for a match in Omaha between champion Mickey Walker and the winner of the Schlafier-Simonich scrap at the Auditorium was a bold bit of work on the promoters part and should be given due consideration by Rickard as that amount is all Walker got for his last big fight on the coast. Should the local Legion promoter be able to close such a deal he will have furnished Nebraska and Iowa boxing fans with the greatest card ever pulled off in this part of the country. It would make a great League park, outdoors meeting for the edification of the great mob who would be on hand with the thought in view that they may possibly see the great Walker made to lay down his championship belt what he has so carefully nourished since he became world's welter-weight champion.

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The Norfolk post of the American Legion is in charge of the big Fourth of July celebration in Norfolk. The celebration will consist entirely of sporting events. Two baseball games are on the program and the feature event will be a boxing card. An out-of-doors arena is being built and accommodations are being made to seat more than 5,000 fans. The main event will be between top-notch boxers.

### Leflang's Affairs Aired By Some Of His Old Friends

**Said The Worst Is Yet To Come—Could Not Be Much Worse. One Refused To Leave By Request.**

Stories are going the rounds these times about a man, designated by the electrical world, as Electro Motive Force Leflang. Some of them are of a heart rending nature and concern the doings of this millionaire real estate man right within the city limits. It is said he got his forcible name because he is so forcible in some things. It has even been charged that he has done some unspeakable things. He has a great taste, it is said, for certain things that the regular man does not care a nickel's worth for and it is charged he has made a bid in money for the satisfying of his cravings.

Mr. Leflang is charged with having paid, in real money, 200 Simoleums bucks, dollars, to send one woman away where she refused to go and he is holding the sack. One of his favorite stopping places is said to be on Sixteenth street, near the Rome hotel, where a good natured, old woman operates a rooming house, the place being the property of Mr. Leflang. But this is only an incident in his life, it is said, and the other incidents will make some sensational newspaper a big story if they are ever told.

Such is the life of great men, with the worst yet to come.

### TEN CENT CASH CAR FARE PROBABLE AS THE RESULT OF LATEST ARGUMENTS

**Proposals By Company Officials, Mayor Dahlman And Others Being Considered By State Commission—Conclusion May Be Reached Within Very Short Time—Company Opposed To Ten Cent Rate.**

While it will be several days before the street car fare adjustment is finally made it is predicted that cash fare riders will in large part pay the difference which is not altogether to the liking of the company and perhaps is a bit unjust to those who ride that way, out of town people mostly.

Mayor Dahlman, City Commissioner Hopkins and Corporation Counsel Lambert, meeting with street railway officials and the State Railway Commissioners Thursday expressed themselves in favor of the 10-cent fare for a single ride, while Vice President R. A. Leussler of the company opposed it as too high.

The city officials favor six tokens for 40 cents or seven for 50 cents, with the 10-cent fare, so that regular riders would pay only a fraction more than seven cents per ride. Leussler declared that a 10-cent fare with token-fare little more than 7 cents would greatly reduce the present number of cash fare patrons, transferring them to the token buyers.

Boston, Pittsburgh, Seattle, Toledo, Chicago elevated, Cincinnati and Lincoln Neb.) were among cities mentioned that now have 10-cent fares. The railway commissioners also spoke of the 10-cent figure.

"That would put the higher payment where it belongs on casual riders instead of the steady patrons", said Commissioner Browne. The mayor and other city officials at the meeting favored holding to the present rate of 3 cents for children and 5 cents for school children as nearly as possible.

Entire abolition of the school children rate was suggested. "This school fare ordinance was forced through the city council and has been an endless source of annoyance not only to the company but to the patrons", said Leussler.

M. Hopkins and commissioner Taylor said they saw no reason why a youth attending high school should ride cheaper than a youth riding down town to work. Late this afternoon the hearing was completed.

Chairman Thorne Browne said the commission will probably decide in two or three days on the new rates and that they will become effective immediately on this decision.

Only two cash fares are under consideration, 10 cents and 8 cents. Several proposals as to rates have been made and are being threshed out in secret sessions. Among those favored are: First estimate; Cash 8 cents, adult tickets, five for thirty-five cents; child tickets five for twenty cents; school tickets ten for sixty cents. Estimated increase of revenue to the company: \$406,135.

Second estimate. Cash 8 cents, adult tickets six for forty cents, child tickets six for twenty cents, school tickets six for forty cents; estimated increase to the company \$267.

### GRADY INTRODUCED TO THE INTRICACIES OF KANGAROOS

Otis Grady, erstwhile bootlegger at 1024 North Sixteenth street, but more recently employed in the kitchen of Sheriff Endres' domicile on the hill has been introduced in true fashion to the inside stuff of the Kangaroo court, which does business in the domicile regularly for the benefit of the new jail birds. Every intricate doing of the court was given in full for Mr. Grady's benefit. One of the features, shown for the edification and education of this gallant gentleman that of learning him how to kiss the sun.

This is an extraordinary degree that is not meted out to every inmate and Mr. Grady was given unusual consideration in being permitted (or driven to) laying his sweet lips to the sun they have on hand up there. This sun happened to be somewhat of a surprise but acted as a great addition to the current humorous things that occur up there. What appeared to be an honestly fine bit of flesh, in the shape of a nicely shaped arm, turned out to be the rear of an inmate, which had been conveniently placed for kissing. Grady was permitted to be regular and take his turn at this posterior. Some people are wondering yet how he enjoyed it all. The man band-wagons and attacks apparently enjoyed it to the fullest extent.

"Old man, I want to see those wonderful twin babies of yours. When shall I come?" "Come around about one o'clock some morning. They are liveliest then."—Boston Transcript.

### Deputy Sheriff Phillips Is Omaha's Great Booze Sleuth

**Noted Booze Hound Gets Them Coming And Going, Some Saying He Is Double Crosser.**

Up at the court house there is a deputy sheriff named Phillips. He used to be head of the sheriff's booze squad. Just as an indication of how great a booze sleuth he really was is well exemplified in the following story.

A week or so ago Phillips was sent out of an automobile theft case. With him he took two colored trustees and a couple of stool pigeons. The trustees were dying for a drink, and when Phillips was asked if they could not absent themselves long enough to make the purchase he quickly denied them the privilege, not forgetting to punctuate his remark with the usual oath. The trustees, bent on getting what they wanted, arranged with a friendly bootlegger to get it for them. He bought two pints of poison and slipped it to one of the trustees, despite the vigilant Deputy Phillips. He stashed the two bottles in a convenient hiding place on his person, and everybody in the county jail who wanted it had a drink that night.

That man Phillips is a great man to have as a deputy sheriff, particularly a booze sleuth. The trusty has since been released, which is the reason for this story getting away.

### THESTRUP AND LUNDEEN BACK ON POLICE FORCE

City commissioners Tuesday reinstated Ole B. Thestrup, former sergeant, and A. V. Lundeen, former detective and later constable in municipal court, to places in the police department.

"I have a letter from former Chief of Police Eberstein," said Police Commissioner Dunn, "that Lundeen was innocent, in his opinion, of the charges for which he was dropped from the force by the old Ringer administration. He was a most efficient officer, and I am glad to put him back on the force."

Paul Cattano, Daniel A. Sullivan, and H. W. Shabill were appointed to the force on probation. All five men will resume work with the rank of patrolmen.

### OWN YOUR HOME BUT NOT YOUR BOOZE

Rheta Wright took a very expensive drink in Judge Day's court yesterday when his honour told her that if she drank a pint of liquor which she unlawfully had in her possession she would fine her a hundred dollars.

It is supposed that she wanted them both because she took the drink which according to the warning entitled her to the fine as well, so she received all that the bottle and the bar had to offer.

### HALF FARE TO PREVAIL DURING THE DISABLED VETS CONVENTION HERE

**General Frank J. Hines, Director Of The United States Veterans Bureau To Be In City During Conclave—Convention Expected To Be Most Colorful And Biggest Ever Held—Hotel Reservations Now Being Made.**

The presence of General Frank J. Hines, director of the United States Veterans' Bureau, at the fifth annual national convention of the Disabled American Veterans of the World War, to be held in Omaha, June 22 to 27, offers a splendid opportunity for the representatives and leaders of the nation's wounded and disabled world war veterans to meet with the official head of the Government's functioning bureau, and discuss in detail important matters, projects and recommendations concerning the welfare and future of the disabled world war veterans.

To date the United States Government has spent more than two and a half billions of dollars through the United States Veterans' Bureau, in the interests of the wounded and disabled veterans, but for numerous reasons, efficient service and satisfactory rehabilitation and hospitalization have not et been accomplished. Through changes of officials and personnel, charges of misuse of funds and other inconsistencies in the administration of the Bureau's activities in the post-war days, many thousands of disabled veterans are to this day uncared for at the hands of the Government, chiefly through oversight or inadvertence, and, in some cases, due to the negligence or unfamiliarity with procedures to be followed, on the part of the disabled men themselves.

Experts look forward to the coming national convention of the Disabled American Veterans, and General Hines' presence her as a speaker and

to personally meet the delegates and disabled veterans themselves, as one of the most valuable assets that can be possessed by the Government. It is felt that agreements entered into at the numerous conferences between General Hines and the Bureau executives, and the officers and leaders of the Disabled American Veterans, will result in a satisfactory arrangement all-around, and the proper treatment of the great host of wounded and disabled veterans throughout the country. The opportunity to personally meet General Hines and his aides and experts, and discuss in detail with them the aspects of various individual cases, will doubtless attract many thousands of maimed boys to Omaha, to take up with the Veterans' Bureau heads the points of their particular cases.

One way rates for the round-trip to and from Omaha, for the D. A. V. national convention, will be offered by all railroad lines connecting into the convention city. Veterans and members of their families desiring to take advantage of the one-way rate are requested to write immediately to Wm. K. Whittaker, chairman, D. A. V. chapter convention committee headquarters, Hotel Fontenelle, Omaha, Neb., for certificate entitling holder to the one-way rate, and to be presented to ticket agent at time of purchasing ticket for the round-trip to Omaha.

The approaching convention promises to be one of the largest and (Continued on Page 2)

### FAVORITES AND "LONG SHOTS" EVENLY DIVIDE THE HONORS

**Tad Evans The Champion "Picker" With Other Handicappers Doing Their Stuff Very Well**

### PLENTY OF THRILLS ON OPENING DAY

**All Steel And Concrete Grandstand Easily Withstands Wind—Crowd Happy As They Mill About Betting On Their Favorites—Ladies Day Should Bring Out Thousands Of Fair Sex—Crackerjack Races Scheduled For Saturday**

People go to the races to get a thrill. On opening day the three thousand racing fans got several of them. The big event of the day was the near cyclone which caused the entire congregation to pray, swear, shout or sing as the wind whistled a crescendo accompaniment. Next the bangtails performed in an exceptional manner when one considers the heavy track. Thirdly, one jockey took a Brody while his nag kept on going. Last enough long shots came in to bring joy and a bunch of thrills to those who were fortunate enough to have played them.

Thursday furnished plenty of thrills in the way of a good racing program but the high wind kept the crowd down to a minimum. With ideal weather a throng of large proportions is expected out, especially as this is Ladies day. The Grandstand should be packed Saturday.

The racing season is off to a flying start and the prediction is freely made that the event of events will this year go down in history as teh most successful in the years of the racing game from a local standpoint.

Without doubt every racing fan in the city will be out tomorrow, (Saturday) to witness the big furlong handicap carrying a purse of \$1,000 and which will be run the fifth race. The program for Saturday is a most interesting one and has a bunch of bangtails that for class, outdistance any first Saturday racing event during the past three years. The night-cap Saturday is sure to be a lopsided one. It is a mile and an eighth race with a \$600 purse for four year olds and upwards. This will be the first race for several of these entered and

should be a good betting proposition for the boys who love to taeek a long chance.

Another race that will attract unusual attention is the third which carries a purse of \$700. This is also for three-year-olds and upward with only non-winners of \$700, three times since January 1st. The weights in this race are 107 pounds for three-year-olds, all others 11 pounds. However non-winners twice since January 1st. will be allowed three pounds while a one time winner gets five pounds. The distance is one mile which should make this one of the most popular races on the card Saturday as the people do love to see the bangtails break the barrier directly in front of the grandstand.

If the entered price of \$1000 means anything and it surely must, then the fourth race Saturday should be a humdinger. Three-year olds in this race carry one hundred and ten pounds while those above that age are required to carry the heavyweight of 120 pounds.

Next week's feature handicap race will be run Wednesday, June 10th. This event is one of the classics of the met and is known as the Ak-Sar-Ben Quon's Plate. The purse is \$1500 and the winner in addition will be awarded the "plate". This will be perhaps with one exception the most sensational and all inspiring race of the season as the cream of the runners are to compete in this short distance handicap.

The next feature handicap race will be run on Wednesday June 17th. This is for three-year-old and upward nags and carries a purse of \$1000. This is (continued on page 3)

### BURCH RODS BEGIN STEADY CLIMB FOR THE PENNANT AFTER A VERY BUM START

**If Barney's Boys Able To Keep Up Pace In The South They Should Come Home June 17th On Top Of The Heap—Brooklyn Creating Sensation In National—Philadelphia Continues To Set Pace In American With Washington On Their Heels.**

Early predictions of the steady climb up the percentage ladder by the Burch Rods during the latter part of May and early June has been borne out by the successive victories of the Buffaloes during the past few days. By winning nine out of thirteen games during their home stay brought the team from near the cellar to within one point of a berth in the first division.

The team in common with other northern division clubs are now making their second invasion of the southern tier. The home guards are convinced that the Rods through their tremendous offensive power will be able to cop a considerable majority of their games while on the fringe of Dixieland. With any kind of a break they should make a clean sweep of the series at Wichita.

Grigg's men should not lose over one game to Tulsa or St. Joe and ought to be able to hold Oklahoma City even-Stephen. If Barney's outfit are able to approximately accomplish the foregoing prediction they will come home at or near the top of the heap.

Interest throughout the country in the American league race is at fever heat and all because Philadelphia continues their winning ways. The Mackmen after hibernating deep down in the cellar for several years came out of their cave much as do bears, shook themselves and started out to eat their way to a pennant. The wonderful pitching of the athletics has been the outstanding reason for the consistent winning of the club and the twirlers continue to be in top form.

Washington is also playing most consistent ball and it appears at this stage of the game the Senators will be the ones the other teams will have to bat out if the championship flag is to be hoisted in any other park. The baseball surprise of the decade has been in the miserable showing of the Hugmen who have floundered all season, probably because their source of inspiration, Babe Ruth has been out of the lineup. At that the

Yankees is not considered a one man team by close followers of the game. The New Yorkers have everything that go to make up a championship baseball club but seem unable to hit their stride and will be lucky to finish one-two-three.

Much was expected of Detroit prior to and at the beginning of the playing season. Cobb has a wonderful organization but liek the Yankees seem unable to get anywhere in the race. The Tigers as usual are handicapped by mediocre pitching, a condition the owners and managers appear unable to remedy from year to year. Cleveland and St. Louis cannot lift themselves by their own boot straps or climb the ladder in any other way however Tris Speaker has a method of whipping his team into winning form before firecracker and generally starts a mad rush for the gonfolan and usually comes within a very few points of turning the trick.

The big surprise of the week has been the consistent winning of the Dodgers who have been lambasting the daylight out of all of them not excepting the Giants who have fallen easy prey to the wiley pitching of Brooklyn's pitching stars. While McGraw's team is in no immediate danger of switching places with Brooklyn it is possible they may do so before the first of the month. The climbing have been without the services of their famous leader for more than a month but seems to have had little if any effect on the playing ability on the boys he has so successfully piloted over a long number of years.

The St. Louis Cardinals are comfortable ensconced in their usual hiding place. They love it down there in the cellar and probably would be greatly peeved if by some hook or crook or by accident they should wake up some morning and find themselves in the first division. Cincinnati is the town where they win a pennant every year before the season starts but have never been able to make their pipe dream come true but once in a life time.



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## GERMANY'S WAR LORD PRESIDENT

Since the election of Von Hindenburg to the presidency of the German republic newspaper throughout the world have been either praising or damning him, the latter for the most part. It is a somewhat remarkable fact that American newspapers have been very considerate in their comment. European journals especially those printed in France and Italy have denounced his elevation to the highest office in no uncertain terms.

A simple-minded, honest old man in the hands of political sharpers is the rather uncomplimentary portrait drawn of Field Marshal von Hindenburg, Germany's new President. Yet the contributor to the London Spectator who sees him thus, has a good deal of sympathy for von Hindenburg and not a little admiration. He represents the old conservatism of agrarian Prussia, we are told, and his family, settled since 1280 in the Eastern marches, has for generations served its princes as soldiers or officials. In spite of ancient lineage they have remained poor and simple, it is said, but their princes changed into kings and finally into emperors. This informant goes on to say:

"With modern Germany this type has as little in common as a Tory country squire had with the court and politics of Charles II. or with the placemen and macaronies of the eighteenth century. The Welpolitik of Wilhelm II and Bulow, the aggressive, adventurous chauvinisms of Ludendorff and Tirpitz, the economic schemes of Rhenish industrialists, Hamburg shippers or Berlin financiers remained a closed book to the old Prussian. Even 'Mittel-Europa' was for von Hindenburg a political 'morsell'. Indeed, his feeling for his sovereign still always turns to the King of Prussia rather than the Emperor of Germany, as if even that was too wide and too new for him. It is amazing to note how often in speeches or manifestoes he refers to Wilhelm II as 'the King'. Von Hindenburg is now to serve once more as a figurehead and a tool to a world with which he has little in common."

We are reminded that President von Hindenburg was born at Posen in 1847, the son of an army officer. At the age of eleven he entered a military school and it is related that when parting at the gate from his father the little boy "felt like crying, but remembered that now he wore the King's uniform, and suppress his tears." He marched an enthusiastic goosestep before Frederick William IV, we are told, and the watch which the King's widow gave him in 1863 he still wore in the Great War. It is pointed out then that:

"Passionate loyalty to his sovereign has been throughout life an essential, and perhaps the most important, part of his religious creed. He always was conscious of a personal relation to the King; the fact that up to 1916 he never had come into closer touch with Wilhelm II may have preserved this faith in him, when even such a very mediocre mind as that of the younger Moltke had become thoroughly disillusioned. In 1916, at the celebration of the fiftieth year of his service as officer, having mentioned his sovereign, von Hindenburg exclaimed with an unmistakable ring of sincerity: 'His I am to my last breath, which shall be a prayer for my King and my country!' When the final disaster had come, his thoughts still turned with a deep 'pietas' to his Emperor: 'My All-Highest War Lord returns home, and I follow him on October 1. I want to be near him in case he might require me in these days.' In November, 1918, he was prepared to lead a military counter-revolution, but the troops would not follow."

The first time von Hindenburg went into battle was in 1866, says this writer, and he tells us of a letter written by von Hindenburg at that time in which he recorded his feeling as follows: "A certain enthusiasm at the sound of the first bullets—a short prayer, a thought about my dear people at home, and about my old name, and then forward!"

Simple and sincere as these words were, observes the present chronicler, they are hardly serious when considered from the angle of history, and "all this von Hindenburg himself has remained to this day." His mind is said not to have widened during the long years of rather uneventful military service. He did honest, hard work, we are told, with his regiment, on the General Staff, and in the Ministry of War. In 1903 he was put in command of the Fourth Army Corps, and in 1911 he retired from the service, having achieved more than he had ever expected, and it is further related: "He rejoined the Army toward the end of August, 1914. After he had won victories, an artist once twaddled to him about his 'monumental head.' 'How queer,' replied von Hindenburg, 'that no one should have noticed this before Tannenberg!' It had been on his shoulders for sixty-seven years."

"Hindenburg's strength lies in character. As the French military writer, General Buat, remarks, Ludendorff, by publishing his Memoirs, has confirmed the most unfavorable opinions held about him; von Hindenburg has raised himself in the estimation of the world. There is in him none of Ludendorff's snarling, aggressive bitterness; he attacks and reviles nobody, he shows a good deal of human feeling, and of understanding even for enemies. But one hardly gets the impression of a powerful mind, much rather of a conscientious, thorough worker of great endurance, with a strong disciplined will, a cool head and a balanced judgment in matters within the sphere of his own studies and experience. It is not possible to apportion to von Hindenburg and Ludendorff their respective shares in the common worm they have done in their 'happy marriage.' Perhaps in the earlier stages, as long as East Prussia remained their operative basis, von Hindenburg played a more important part; the touch of the native soil gave a marvelous strength to this, after all, rather primitive man, and instinctively he always, by preference, turned to it. It was Falkenhayn who in October, 1914, forced him into the unsuccessful expedition against Southern Poland, when he would preferred to continue operations on the East Prussian border, and who in May, 1915, prevented him from adding a concentric offensive from East Prussia against Vilna to that undertaken in Western Galicia."

In August, 1916, after von Hindenburg and Ludendorff had been placed at the head of the German General Staff, we are told that Ludendorff's more active, more vigorous and fertile brain gave him the predominant position. But when the final disaster supervened and there was no more scope for ability and initiative, but only for character, "Ludendorff collapsed, the Emperor fled, von Hindenburg alone remained with the army." He is quoted saying:

"For hundreds of thousands of loyal officers and soldiers the very foundations of their thinking and feeling were shaken. I thought I might make things easier for many of the best among them by marching at their head along the path prescribed to me by the will of my Emperor the love of my country and of the Army and a sense of duty. I remained at my post."

"During the War," says von Hindenburg, "many a pronouncement on political matters was covered by my name and my responsibility, tho these were things but distantly connected with my military position. But I did not impose myself on anyone. Just as now, one might add, his name is to cover things with which, if left to himself, he would probably not think of interfering."

"Participation in current politics was contrary to my inclinations. Perhaps was I not willing to be critical about political matters, perhaps were my military feelings too strongly developed." He speaks of his "unpolitical nature"; and it is this which explains why political sharpers can now use him for their purposes.

"Also against diplomacy he always felt a strong aversion—'diplomatic work requires qualities alien to our German character.' He openly confesses that the Germans are 'backward in matter of international policy.'"

## We Talk Faster Than We Grow

A liner is steaming northeastward in the Gulf Stream. The current aids the vessel's progress, but the ship moves faster than the current because she is not dependent upon it for motive power but is driven forward also by the propellant forces which she herself generates.

As the ship is aided by the Gulf Stream, so the advance of the telephone service is aided by the underlying current of national progress. The slow resistless impetus of growing population is one of the factors in telephone expansion; but the telephone business grows faster than the population because it is stimulated also by other forces, many of which the telephone itself augments or creates.

The extent to which, in the United States, the increase in telephones has outstripped the increase in population since the beginning of the present century is graphically illustrated in the chart at the end of this article. The chart shows:

For every 100 people in this country at the end of 1900 there are now 148 people.

But for every 100 telephones in this country at the end of 1900 there are now 1,194 telephones.

While the population has increased 40 per cent, the telephones have increased over 1,000 per cent.

Since the war the increase in the number of telephones in the United States has run as high as \$75,000 in a single year.

The ratio of telephones to population has thus shown a marked rise during the present century. For every 100 people in this country there were 1.76 telephones in 1900, 8.19 in 1910, 12.51 in 1920 and 14.20 in 1924.

Expressed in a slightly different way, there was one telephone for every fifty-seven people in 1900, one for every twelve people in 1910, one for every eight people in 1920 and one for every seven people at the beginning of the present year.

The progress of the telephone in the United States has, therefore, not only kept pace with the growth of population—it has far surpassed it. The demand for telephone service has increased much faster than it would have done if it had been caused by the increase in population alone. As a matter of fact, growth of population is only one of a large number of interacting causes producing increased demand for telephone service.

The increase in the wealth of the people, and consequently in the general standard of living, has an influence fully as direct as population growth.

The wider dissemination of popular education is another factor in increasing the demand for telephone service. Already this has played its part in making practically the whole population of the telephone.

In many ways the far-flung ramifications of modern commercial and industrial organizations augment the demand for telephone service. Branch offices are kept in touch with headquarters by telephone. Salesmen and executive control is rendered dynamic by immediate communication with every element of the business.

The American housewife is becoming more and more accustomed to doing her shopping by this means. Progressive merchants everywhere are catering to the "telephone trade." Stores employ large numbers of operators to handle this class of business.

In business lines such as banking and insurance, for example, the volume of business transacted by telephone has reached enormous proportions. Some of the large banks and insurance companies in the financial centers have private branch exchanges capable of handling the entire telephone traffic of a good sized town. In New York one large bank has a private branch exchange with twenty positions, capable of serving 2,000 telephones. An insurance company in the same city has an eleven-position switchboard to handle the traf-

fic of its 963 telephones. A single hotel has 2,307 telephones and a switchboard of thirty positions.

Telephoning increases business. business increases telephoning.

The extent of the use made of the telephone in the United States is the best evidence of the satisfactory quality of the service given. A comparative study of telephone traffic in various countries shows the approximate total number of telephone conversations in a recent year to have been 662,624,000 in France, 815,095,000 in Great Britain and 309,595,000 in Italy, as compared with 19,000,000 completed calls in the United States. Reducing these figures to a per capita basis, we find that the American telephones ten times as often as the Frenchman, nine times as often as the Englishman and twenty-two times as often as the Italian.

The American people have acquired the "telephone habit" principally because they have had a telephone service so efficient as to make the habit an extremely useful one. The stimulus, however, has been reciprocal. After all due allowance has been made for the high standard of living, the mobility and the progressive of the American people, the fact remains that the telephone has made a much greater advance under the commercial stimulus of private enterprise in this country than it has under government ownership abroad, despite the short distances and highly industrialized populations in certain European countries.

It was this commercial spirit, reinforced by genuine motives of public service, that evolved from Mr. Bell's crude model the amazingly complicated system of today, that carried that system to every city and town in the United States, that spanned the continent with its wires, and linked up this country with Cuba and Canada in a system of inter-communication such as the world had never seen before.

Like the steamer in the Gulf Stream, the telephone system is aided by the favoring current of national progress, but its own propellant forces drive it ahead much faster than the flow of the underlying current on which it rides forward so buoyantly.

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## HALF FARE DURING THE

### VETS CONVENTION HERE

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most colorful ever held in the middle west and those identified with convalescent preparations predict that the initial public session of the great convention body, Monday morning, June 22, at the municipal auditorium, with Madame Ernestine Schumann-Heink, the great singer and beloved "Gold Star Mother" singing "Taps" and "The Star Spangled Banner", as one of the features, will attract a tremendous attendance. Special reserved sections will be held for Gold Star Mothers and Fathers, who are requested to write, phone or call on Wilbur Shaw, vice-chairman of the V. V. convention committee, headquarters, Hotel Fontenelle, Omaha, Neb., for special reserved seat tickets to the section that will be held for Gold Star Mothers and Fathers. The desired number of tickets will be promptly mailed to applicants, mothers and fathers of boys who lost their lives serving the United States flag during 1917 and 1918.

The unit of blind veterans will head the wounded boys' division in the convention parade Tuesday morning, June 23. Men with legs and arms missing will follow the sightless veterans in the line of march.

Hotel reservations in Omaha during convention week may be requested from the Hotels-Housing committee, D. A. V. convention headquarters, Hotel Fontenelle, Omaha.

Helen Wills, national and Olympic games tennis champion, and William M. Johnston, third in the national tennis rankings, plan to play their first eastern tournaments this year at the Skokie Country club, Glencoe, Ill., for the Illinois state championship.

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## RACING SEASON OFF

## TO FLYING START

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the Chamber of Commerce stake and is one of the two big feature races of the third week. The principal race off he entire season is to be run three days later when Charley Trimble & Co. put on their nationally known Ak-Sar-Ben King's Cup, another handicap, for a purse of \$2,000. In this particular race entries must be made on Thursday two days before the big blow off. The distance is one and one-eighth miles and calls for only the stoutest hearted and fleetest footed ponies stabled at the track.

The two other feature handicaps are: The Nebraska handicap Wednesday, June 24th for a purse of \$1000. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entries Monday, June 22nd. Weights and acceptances Tuesday, June 23rd.

The Stock Yards Derby handicap, Saturday, June 27th. Purse, \$1200. For three-year-olds and upwards. Entries Thursday, June 25th. Weight and acceptances Friday, June, June 26th.

Mediators readers and the public in general will be interested to know just how the purses are divided by the Ak-Sar-Ben Racing Association. A \$2000 purse is divided as follows: first \$1600 second \$250, third \$150. In a \$1500 race the bangtail coming under the wire first receives \$1200, to place 200, to show \$100. And on down the line in about the same proportion. In a \$600 race third money is only \$85, place horse pulls down but \$85 while the winner hogs it with for \$480.

According to the Nebraska State Racing Commission the following is the scale of weights for age, and must be carried when not otherwise specified in the conditions of the race.

Distance, Half Mile	Age	Ma.	Ju.	Jy.	Au.	Se.
2 years		87	92	93	98	105
3 years		116	117	119	121	123
4 years		126	126	126	126	126
5 years or over		126	126	126	126	126

Distance, Six Furlongs	Age	Ma.	Ju.	Jy.	Au.	Se.
2 years		90	95	98	102	105
3 years		119	120	122	123	125
4 years		130	130	130	130	130
5 years and over		132	132	130	130	130

Distance, One Mile	Age	Ma.	Ju.	Jy.	Au.	Se.
2 years		112	114	116	118	119
3 years		127	126	126	126	126
4 years		127	126	126	126	126
5 years and over		128	127	126	126	126

Distance, One mile and a Quarter	Age	Ma.	Ju.	Jy.	Au.	Se.
2 years		108	112	114	117	118
3 years		127	126	126	126	126
4 years		127	126	126	126	126
5 years and over		127	126	126	126	126

Two-year-olds.—In a race exclusively for two-year-olds the weight shall be 122 pounds.

Three-year-olds or Four-year-olds.—In a race exclusively for three-year-olds or four-year-olds the weight shall be 126 pounds.

Sex Allowance.—Excepting in handicaps, fillies two years old shall be allowed 3 pounds, and fillies and mares three years old or upward shall be allowed 5 pounds before September 1st, and 3 pounds thereafter.

Minimum Weight.—No horse shall carry less than 84 pounds in any race, including apprentice allowances; fillies and mares shall in all cases be entitled to sex allowance.

## UNUSUAL HAPPENINGS ABOUT TOWN DURING THE PAST WEEK

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stunt was good though very old. One represented himself to the girl as an expert tout who had the real inside stuff on the third race. The other, a well dressed pleasing chap had meanwhile made her acquaintance and accompanied her to the races. Together they went to the paddock to look over the sure shot. He looked good to the painted and trusting fairy. It was the same old story. She gave her good looking friend a century note with elaborate instructions on how to make the bets so as to attract not too much attention. He went down in the mutual pit and saw to it that he attracted no attention at all. They are probably on their way to Sioux City now or some other sea port. She will have to do some tall hustling now.

Five hundred dollars is quite a neat sum for having your fortune told but some people fall for it as was evidenced Thursday when Alva Mays of the Memphis Nebraska bank was rolled for that amount by a band of gypsies. The colorful rovers pulled a wow and got away with it.

G. H. KUBAT, Attorney  
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL  
In the County Court of Douglas County, Nebraska.

In the matter of the estate of MARY KROMARIK, Deceased.

All persons interested in said estate are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in said Court, praying for the probate of a certain instrument now on file in said Court, purporting to be the last will and testament of said deceased, and that a hearing will be had on said petition before said Court on the 27th day of June, 1925, and that if they fail to appear at said Court on the said 27th day of June, 1925, at 9 o'clock A. M., to contest the probate of said will, the Court may allow and probate said will and grant administration of said estate to Mary Kunasek or some other suitable person, enter a decree of heirship, and proceed to a settlement thereof.

BRYCE CRAWFORD,  
County Judge

## TEN CENT CASH

## CAR FARE PROBABLE

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passengers will be carried and the rates may still be inadequate.

Railway Commissioner Taylor insisted on shutting newspaper men out of the morning session. They were admitted in the afternoon.

Peter Mehrens was denounced by the commissioner, city officials and street railway men alike when he read a statement at the morning session. He said it came from "a group" but it was unsigned. It was sarcastic and threatening in its contents.

It voiced several well-known maxims of political economy and then drew from them the conclusion: "The majority of the people don't want fares raised. Therefore they must not be raised."

"How about your apartment houses?" inquired Mr. Leussler. Do you let the tenants decide what rent they should pay?" Mehrens who is the owner of some Omaha apartment houses, made no reply.

But when the latter proceeded to state that "jury fixing has been a not uncommon thing," John L. Webster, counsel for the company, leaped to his feet and in a voice that could be heard far down the corridor, denounced Mehrens for making this statement. Commissioner Randall also assailed Mehrens.

The letter ended by a threat to "abolish the commission" if it proceeded to order an increase in fares.

It was stated as likely that children's fares will be raised only to 3½ cents and school children's fares to 6 cents. It is estimated that school children riders will number only about 869,000 in 1925. Other children riders are estimated at 1,862,000.

Mayor Dahlman said the child fare should not be higher than 3½ cents. He favored 10-cent cash fare and tokens sold for some even money, preferably 50 cents.

"I am not arguing against any schedule of fares the Commission may adopt," Leussler said. "If, for some reason, the new fares should produce more revenue than we think, I'd be the first to ask the commission to lower rates."

## SOUTHERN PINE BAROMETER

Southern Pine Association Barometer for last week shows orders received decreased 4.8 per cent below previous week; shipments decreased 5.0 percent, and production increased 4.5. Reports from 131 mills show 74,891,670 feet ordered, 79,442,180 feet shipped and 74,566,999 feet produced. Orders on hand end of last week were 245,413,260 feet.

## "STREET CAR TOPICS"

The company's track department has commenced on its year's program. At present it is engaged in the reconstruction of the tracks on north Twenty-fourth Street from Ames Avenue to Fort Street.

After that the following pieces of track reconstruction will be undertaken, probably in the order enumerated:

Ames Avenue—Twenty-fourth to Twenty-fifth Avenue.

Fifteenth Street—Webster to Davenport.

Leavenworth St.—Thirty-seventh to Fortieth.

California St.—Twenty-sixth to Thirty-third.

Twenty-fourth St.—Viaduct to Vinton Street.

Dodge Street—Forty-ninth to Fiftieth.

Tenth Street—Bancroft to Spring. Poppleton Avenue—Forty-eighth to Fiftieth.

Sixtieth Street—Pacific to Woolworth.

This entire program embraces about 35,700 lineal feet or 6.75 miles equivalent single track reconstruction. All but a very small portion of this will be entirely new construction including new steel rail and new pavement.

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## SAID TO HAVE

## HAPPENED IN BOSTON

"Fare!" The passenger paid no attention to the conductor's demand.

"Fare, please!" Still the passenger was oblivious. "By the ejaculatory term 'Fare!'" said the conductor, "I imply no reference to the state of the weather, nor even to the quality of the service vouchsafed by this philanthropic company. I merely allude, in a manner perhaps lacking in delicacy, but not in coincidence to the monetary obligation incurred by your presence in this vehicle and suggest that you liquidate."

And then the passenger woke up and produced his fare.

"Doesn't it strike you that's a queer-shaped harp that new woman-angel is juggling around?" asked St. Peter with a perplexed frown.

"That isn't a harp, that's a radio set," answered Gabriel, with a pitying look at his superior. "She's enjoying her husband's howls from Station HLL."—American Legion Weekly.

"Prisoner, have you anything to say?"

"Assuredly, your honor. I desire to state without reserve or circumlocution, that the penalty imposed should be in keeping, or, as it were, commensurate with my station in life, which has hitherto been one of no inconsiderable importance."

"Well, you seem to have a liking for long sentences. Ten years."—Boston Transcript.

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## Anna Q. Nilsson In New Hit, Here Soon

She And Lewis Stone Head Cast Of Notables In "The Talker."

Anna Q. Nilsson has played many splendid roles in her screen career, but none more odd than the one she plays for Sam E. Rork, producer of several very successful First National pictures. Anna Q. is "good luck charm." Whenever this astute producer has a big production planned, he hastens to secure Anna Q.'s signature to a contract long before the date on which the picture is scheduled to be started. Everybody remembers "Ponjola." And, like its predecessor, "Inez From Hollywood," is proving highly successful. So it is quite obvious why Anna Q. is featured in "The Talker," the Rork production which First National will show at the Rialto theatre, Saturday and next week.

Every since the day some two years ago that Rork decided that Miss Nilsson was the "one" woman in pictures who could successfully portray the exacting role of the "boy-heroine" of "Ponjola" (and the star and producer were much in the minority among the prophets on this idea), she has been the producer's "good luck charm" because "Ponjola" turned out to be one of the most phenomenally successful pictures of that year. Screen lovers will never forget how the star dutifully sacrificed her gorgeous golden locks to the unfeeling barber's shears, and thus created the famous "Ponjola bob" in order to play that part with convincing characterization. She might have worn a wig, but she didn't! Anna Q. is too dutiful an actress and artist.

Then along came "Inez From Hollywood," Adela Rogers St. John's delightful and tradition-breaking vampire. Alive to the picture possibilities of this new author's story of real Hollywood life, Rork bought the screen rights and as speedily signed Anna Q. to play the vamp. What a roar this caused among the tradition-bound! Isn't Anna Q. a blonde? And, whoever heard of a typical movie vamp being blonde?

Of course, she would wear a black wig? Of course, she wouldn't—and didn't! Anna Q.'s reply was a classic: "They have vamps in Sweden, too, you know."

And, the believing Rork, trusting as ever in his "good luck charm," backed her up. Result: "Inez From Hollywood" has been breaking records all over the United States, and critics have been hailing Miss Nilsson's "different" portrayal as a genuine acting and emotional achievement.

Lewis S. Stone, who was featured opposite Miss Nilsson in "Inez From Hollywood," again plays opposite her in "The Talker." Shirley Mason, Tully Marshall, Barbara Bedford, Ian Keith, Gertrude Short, Harold Godwin, Lydia Yeamans Titus, E. H. Calvert, Cecil Evans, Charles West and Lloyd Whitlock are other notables in the big cast.

## EMPRESS

Musical comedy romance of the race track is "The Derby Girl" being offered this week at the Empress theatre where the Bert Smith Players start their fourth week.

All the excitement, glamor, and action incident to "the sport of king" is found in the new musical play. It moves along in snappy fashion from the tape to the finish.

Interwoven around a story of intrigue and comedy there is an engrossing love element that has mainly to do with "Peggy Barrington" who is known to her friends as "Peaches". This role played by Vi Shaffer gives the Empress star great opportunities.

Billy Van Allen is seen in the role of "Biff Donovan" who despite a lean pocketbook is still playing the ponies. It is a characterization of a slangy type that should tend to increase Van's popularity with Empress audiences.

Babe Mullen, as "Blossom" is Biff's sweetheart in the play and the two of them have much fun.

Jack Davis, Tommy Warne, Stella Watson and others in the company will be found happily cast.

The scene is a garden at the Barrington home during a racing meet and here is comedy and song that will prove most satisfying.

Vi Shaffer and Stella Watson appear in one of their piano and song specialties. These numbers proved most popular during the last visit of the company and the two women have many new novelties to offer this season.

The pretentious ensemble entitled "Kentucky" promises to prove something out of the ordinary. Phyllis Whitehouse with the assistance of Jimmie Whitehouse, singing pianist, will offer "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" a revival of a favorite song? "Down Where the Daffodils Grow" gives Babe Mullen a chance to put across another melody in comedy style while Stan Montfort, the Southland 4, Charley Welles and other entertainers have the assistance of the Empress chorus in a series of novelty numbers.

"Your wife says you can't keep anything from her."  
"She is mistaken. I have a quarter inside the lining of my vest at this very moment."—Judge.

## THE RIALTO THEATRE'S SUMMER POLICY

Inasmuch as this theatre now has in operation a gigantic ice plant which makes possible ideal, cooling comfort for our patrons, it is the policy of the management to take as much care in formulating the shows that will be offered this summer as is done in the winter.

It has been the custom of theatres in the past to keep their summer operating expenses very low on account of the meagre attendance.

## HOW TO PLAY GOLF ACCORDING TO ORDINANCE

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Omaha:

Section 1. That from and after the 31st day of December A. D. 1924, the department in charge of municipally owned and operated golf courses shall charge each person of the age of 15 years or older a fee of 25 cents for each round of 18 holes, or a fee of 15 cents for 9 holes, upon each and all of the municipal courses. The payment of such fee may be evidenced by the issuance of buttons or other forms or receipts. The department in charge may, at its option, issue books of tickets at the same rate as above prescribed.

Section 2. Reasonable rules and regulations may from time to time be prescribed and enforced with reference to the playing of golf on the municipally owned and operated golf courses, which rules, when prescribed shall be enforceable and binding upon all players upon such courses.

Section 3. The fee authorized by this ordinance shall be paid over to the city Treasurer and by him kept in a separate fund to be designated as "Municipal Golf Fund." Said fund shall be used and applied in the regulation of golf and for the maintenance and up-keep of the present existing golf grounds or future golf grounds installed upon park grounds. Said fund shall be used exclusively for the payment of salaries for office help, caretakers, starters and laborers and for stationery, such as books, buttons, etc., also for the up-keep and maintenance of all municipal golf courses including equipment necessary for such purposes as follows: for the purchase of tractors, lawn mowers, seed, sprinkling devices, hose, golf signals and markers, water pipe and drinking fountains, sand, oil and fertilizer or any commodity, which might pertain to the up-keep of municipal golf courses. This fund shall be a "Continuing Fund." Any balance of the current year, carried over into the succeeding year, shall be used solely for the purposes above set forth. It is further agreed and understood that the payment of the fees designated herein shall not in any way release the persons making such payments from full compliance with all ordinances or rules and regulations governing the parks in which the golf courses are located, nor shall such persons be thereby entitled to any facilities other than the golf courses themselves.

Section 4. It shall be unlawful and a misdemeanor for any person to play golf upon such course or courses, except as above provided, without having first paid the fee herein specified; and upon conviction therefor the person so violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined in any sum not exceeding Ten (\$10.00) dollars.

Section 5. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after fifteen days after its passage.

## THREE DAYS' STORMS DO HEAVY DAMAGE OVER THE MIDWEST

A brief summary of the storm toll of the last three days' freakish weather over the United States follows:

Thirty-nine dead over the country, many deaths being due to the heat. Of these four were killed in Nebraska in Tuesday's storms, and ten in Iowa in storms of Monday and Tuesday.

Property damage estimated at many thousands of dollars in the tornadoes Tuesday near Madison, Neb., and Glenwood, Ia.

Property damage estimated at about 100 thousand dollars in the storm in Omaha Wednesday, with lesser damage in Missouri Valley, Ia., considerable damage at Dennison, Ia., when a cloudburst flooded the creeks Wednesday night and the water is rising rapidly.

Telephone lines in the western edge of Omaha badly crippled, and virtually all telephone and telegraph lines from Dunlap, Ia., to Norfolk, Neb., were down Wednesday night.

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## GOLD DIGGER IN LOVE TRAGEDY

"All's fair in love and war" slides smoothly on the tongue, but is actually a high-powered dynamite charge when followed to the letter. It is a fallacious argument that makes an effective excuse for loose-moraled unscrupulous hypocrites who prate glibly of wrong and right, and frequently causes untold heartache.

An instance of this is found in the new Warner picture, "My Wife and I," which will be featured at the Strand Theatre for one week, beginning Saturday June 6, when Irene Rich, Huntly Gordon, John Harron, John Roche, Constance Bennett and Tom Ricketts will enact the domestic comedy-drama that pictures the various incidents that result from the love tangle that enmeshes a lovely gold-digger, a father and his son.

Tom Harron, in the role of the spoiled, wealthy son, goes to untold extremes to buy gifts for his lady love, who values his affection at the price he pays. When his father stops his allowance, agast at the boy's extravagance, the girl, without a moment's hesitation turns to his father, and finds him highly satisfactory judging from the beautiful presents he bestows on her.

Her fascinating youth completely blinds Borden, Sr., played by Huntly Gordon, and makes him forget his duty to wife and home. He hungers for the light touch of romance to rouse him from the apathy of approaching middle-age, and a deadly rivalry springs up between father and son that sweeps caution, discretion and toleration before it like a cyclone.

Irene Rich's demure charm in the part of Mrs. Borden makes her an ideal wife and mother. Later the role calls for great emotional expression, which enables this famous star to give pla to the tremendous dramatic talent she possesses.

"My Wife and I" was adapted for the screen by Julien Josephson from the story by Harriet Beecher Stowe. The directorial end was handled by Millard Webb, with the assistance of Wm. McGann.

## SAYS BEGAN 'LEGGING TO BUY WIFE A HOME

Marriage made a bootlegger out of Max Tennebaum, 22, Claremont Inn, he testified yesterday in seeking a decree from his 17-year-old wife, formerly Bernice O'Rourke.

"I started bootlegging when we were married to buy my wife a little home," he testified. "She said she didn't want a home, and left me a month after we were married. I quit bootlegging the day she left."

Mrs. Tennebaum testified that her husband told her before marriage that he had a "lot of money" obtained by his work as a bootlegger, sign poster, bathhouse rubber, from government compensation and "a lot of other things."

Judge Day indicated that he would not grant a divorce.

## NEBRASKA POWER PAYS DIVIDEND PROMPTLY

Holders of stock in the Nebraska Power company received their checks for the quarterly dividend of that corporation last Tuesday. This is one of the best and safest investments in Omaha. A member of The Mediator staff, who has the good fortune to be a small stockholder in this institution was a fortunate one. Nebraska Power stock is at a premium, and congratulations are in order for those fortunate to have some of their stock.

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## ENGLAND GOING "BETTING CRAZY"

Gambling Grows As Drinking Falls Off; Derby An Example.

The great derby carnival obliterated all other interests last week. Every year the popularity of this festival grows, owing to the enormous development of the betting habit among all classes. While consumption of alcohol has been declining for years, gambling has been extended and now practically all legal restrictions have become dead letters.

Growth of gambling among women has been especially remarkable and the influence of the churches has ceased to count in the matter. Derby week is the crowning moment of this continuous orgy of speculation, and the sweepstakes on the principal race assume enormous proportions.

An unknown business man from the orient nipped in and took the greatest trophy in the world with the first horse he has ever run in the race. This illustrates the luck of the derby.

On the other side is the case of Lord Astor. His racing career has been astonishingly successful. Even men in history have won so many famous races, but the Derby eludes him every time. Five times his horses have run second in the race and a most singular occurrence last week illustrates his derby luck. Last year his horse, St. Germain, was just beaten in the Derby by Sansovino. Thursday at Epsom the two horses met again in the Coronation cup, one of the most important races of the Derby meeting. Lord Astor's St. Germain left Lord Derby's Sansovino standing still.

Lord Astor has become a legend of luck everywhere but in the Derby. On Friday he won the Oaks, the third great race of Derby week, with Saucy Sue, a hot favorite. This is the third time Lord Astor has won the Oaks and apart from the Derby itself, his stable has dominated the greatest race meeting of the year.

The writer would not be surprised, however, if Lord Astor disappeared from the turf. His passion for horses is notorious, but he has no taste for gambling, and Lady Astor more than shares his distaste for the associations of the race course.

On the eve of the Derby, addressing a public meeting, Lady Astor refused to give her opinion of the prospects of her husband's entry. Cross Bow, and when her auditors persisted she burst forth into a denunciation of the whole gambling habit, advising her audience to have nothing to do with the backing of horses which she characterized as the course of the public.

It would surprise nobody if Lady Astor started a raging propaganda against betting. Public opinion is ripe for such a movement, for the absorption of all classes in the frenzy of racing is creating great concern as to the future of democracy.

Moreover, apart from a few unquestionable owners like Lord Astor and Lord Derby, who train race horses for love of the sport, the whole turf system has become a byword for knavery, in which scoundrelism prevails throughout.

Irate Customer—"Here; look what you did!"

Laundryman—"I can't see anything wrong with that lace."

"Lace? That was a sheet!"

## DICK MURPHY HAS GREAT EXPERIENCE IN FRANCE

Dick Murphy, who has become one of the Omaha paving kings, had some funny experiences, which he reluctantly admits, during the war. Dick was just one of the boys on the line but he managed to dodge all the German bullets, several thousand of which were aimed at him. Dick is not much on the talk and brag business which probably accounts for this story not getting out sooner.

When Dick started for France he had a few simoleons in his fighting belt. Like most of the boys, he expected to get back soon, so he did not take a big bundle of the filthy lucre with him. When he arrived in France he discovered that everybody wanted to put the bee on him and his money soon ran out. He quickly telegraphed his little fat brother, Hugh, about his predicament. Hugh responded promptly by telegraphing him a bundle of it. He kept up the habit of telegraphing Dick a goodly amount about every two weeks. He presumed for that reason everything was going fine and was not particular whether the Germans ever quit.

Dick, on the other hand, was desperate, because he never got a cent of money. He finally got word to Hugh to send his remittances another way. Hugh sent them, but in the meantime Dick had gotten on the firing line. He worried along on his little pay checks, however, and decided he had been forgotten.

When th armistice was signed and Dick started home he was still without money. He landed safely in Omaha and in a short time received all his money back, when he had arrived where he did not need it. Such was life in France. Dick says there was plenty to buy over there, but what is a fellow going to do when he is broke.

## NEW EMPRESS

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## VOSS CONVICTED BY JURY IN NOTED BANKING CASE

It is most pleasing to note that once in a while the higher-ups get theirs as was shown in the case of C. L. Voss, owner of the defunct bank of Denison, Ia., who was found guilty of forgery by a jury on the second ballot taken.

It is to be hoped that Voss will be unsuccessful in his motion for a new trial. The evidence clearly shows that he not only gipped his associates but his immediate friends of sums ranging from 1 hundred to 8 thousand dollars.

Of course the various ramifications and eccentric peculiarities of our legal system will have to be complied with but it is hoped that he pays for the confidences which he has misplaced with his associates.

## NOTES OF THE METROPOLIS

Starting Monday night, June 8, with "Omaha night", Ak-Sar-Ben's den show will open for a run of thirteen Monday night showings of the "Rip Snortin' Radient Rodeo" and musical comedy. Several thousand men of Nebraska and Iowa will attend in delegations each Monday night to be initiated into the mysteries of Ak-Sar-Ben. Boxing bouts by well-known professionals and amateurs will be a part of each program.

Omaha's streets will be gaily decorated for the fifth annual national convention of the Disabled American Veterans of the World War to be held in this city, June 22 to 27.

An elaborate display of fireworks is being planned by the Fontenelle Fourth of July Celebration association for this year's Independence Day program in Omaha that night.

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