

CAPPER IN DOUBT

Chicago Doctor Wants to Take One of State's Convicts.

Sends Money to Pay Traveling Expenses From Lansing.

STATE NOT SO SURE ABOUT IT

Officials Say He Is Wanted in Several States.

Surgeon Declares He Can Be Cured of Tendencies.

Promising the cure of Winston Salisbury, a convict, Dr. E. H. Pratt of Chicago, today urged Governor Capper to permit the prisoner to go to Chicago for an operation. Dr. Pratt, a well known Chicago specialist, has taken a keen interest in Salisbury. He not only promises to perform the operation, but today sent \$25 to the governor's office to pay Salisbury's expenses to Chicago.



Winston Salisbury, Convict, Who May Operate.

In the governor's office, however, there was doubt concerning the giving of a temporary parole to Salisbury. He is regarded as a professional criminal and confidence man and is wanted in several states. Judge C. W. Smith, executive clerk, was disposed to oppose temporary clemency for Salisbury and even the hope that the man may be cured of crime mania may not be sufficient to win him a few days' parole.

For more than a year Dr. Pratt has taken a deep interest in Salisbury's case. He claimed that the pressure of the man's skull against the nerve cells created the desire to violate the law and that an operation would cure the man. Several months ago Dr. Pratt came to Kansas and an operation was performed on Salisbury in the state penitentiary. At the time Dr. Pratt told prison officials that the second operation would be necessary.

Recently Dr. Pratt wrote to Governor Capper, urging that the prisoner be sent to Chicago for the operation. There was no state in which a specialist of such a trip, the governor replied. Now Dr. Pratt has written that he will be unable to return to Lansing to perform the second operation. He has sent a draft for \$25 to pay Salisbury's expenses. No charges will be made for the operation.

Salisbury was sent to the penitentiary from Marshall county, where he was convicted on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. It was also claimed that he married a Marshall county girl under an assumed name and that he has violated laws in a number of states. Dr. Pratt declares that Salisbury's criminal tendencies may be cured through an operation. It was following a lengthy correspondence that the Chicago specialist was permitted to operate on Salisbury in the state penitentiary. Now the governor has been asked to let the man go to Chicago that he may be ultimately cured.

TO HEAD OFF T. R.

Conference of Republican Leaders in New York Reported.

Every Man There Denies Knowing Anything About It.

New York, Dec. 22.—Hot on the heels of the reported Roosevelt boom, Republican leaders began arriving in New York today. They seem to be of the opinion that the Roosevelt talk had anything to do with their visit here but rumors that a conference was scheduled were soon in circulation.

Gossip which went the rounds in hotel lobbies was that Republican leaders were here for a conference with Chairman Hilles, who conducted the Taft campaign in 1912. This conference, it was rumored, was to devise ways and means of shutting off the Roosevelt sentiment before it got a real start.

Senator T. E. Burton, Ohio, himself one of the leading possibilities, is at the Waldorf hotel today. So is H. E. Maxson, Republican national committeeman from Nevada. It is reported that Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania, and former Senator Murray Crane of Massachusetts, either are in town or are expected here, and that they plan to meet Hilles.

Senator Burton said the report of the conference was news to him. He came to New York to deliver an address, he said.

"If Senator Penrose and Mr. Crane are in town I don't know it," he said. "If they are, I may meet them, but I don't know anything of a conference." National Committeeman Maxson, who was injured in an automobile accident last night sent word from his room that he came to town on business and knew nothing about the Republican conference to stem the Roosevelt boom.

The report of an important conference gained strength this afternoon when National Committeeman Charles A. Spies, of New Mexico, and Philip Stanton, of California, and R. H. Cameron, of Ohio, joined the contingent at the Waldorf.

One of the committeemen, who asked that his name be withheld, denied that Republican old guard leaders would actively oppose the Roosevelt candidacy.

The Pacific coast and western

WIRE ARE OPEN

Telegraphic Communication With Mexico Restored.

First Time Lines Have Been in Operation for Two Years.

Telegraphic communication with all points in Mexico was restored today, according to official advice received this afternoon by W. S. Carswell, Topeka manager of the Western Union Telegraph company. It is the first assurance of wire service through El Paso in two years, Carswell stated.

With the opening of the Mexican wires today, Carswell stated that service would be given into Mexico City and every important town and city in Mexico. Many Topekans interested in conditions in Mexico have felt the direct results of the wire trouble in Mexico and for nearly two years the Western Union and other telegraph companies refused to guarantee delivery of messages.

FIND MISSING LINK

Another Arrest in Connection With German Conspiracy.

Military Plot Directed In U. S. Federal Officers Say.

New York, Dec. 22.—Edmund Justice, a night watchman employed by the Atlas Steamship company, a subsidiary of the Hamburg-American line was arrested by federal officers this afternoon charged with being a party to the conspiracy directed from this country against the entente allies by Paul Koenig and other alleged German agents.

When his arrest the authorities believe they have found the "missing link" in the Koenig case. It is charged that at Koenig's direction Justice accompanied Frederick Metzler, who is also under arrest, to Quebec and there sought to determine the number of troops being sent to the United Kingdom, what ships they would sail on, together with details of military equipment and other supplies being sent abroad.

It is alleged that such activities were part of a military plot directed in the United States and as such violated federal statutes.

The petition today will be presented to the supreme court in January.

The Esperanto club met Tuesday noon at the Central Y. M. C. A. in regular session. The official banner was placed on the table reserved for members so they might know where the club was dining. Those present at the Esperanto dinner were: Dr. W. J. Hobb, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Lempenan, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Orgrad, Dr. N. A. Crist, George Lyon, Mr. and Mrs. A. Austin, John Boggs and Lee S. Caldwell. Classes in Esperanto were organized for instruction. At the close of the meeting the diners sang the international anthem called "La Espero."

Notice you are invited to attend a free dance given by the Yomen in the ball room, 201 Jackson street, Dec. 22. Doets' Union music.—Adv.

A brilliantly decorated cedar tree has been placed in the lobby of the Central Y. M. C. A. The building is decorated and will be until New Year's eve, when the open house party will be given.

For a popular priced suit or overcoat, made to measure, stop at Eckberg, 708 Kansas ave., 2nd floor.—Adv.

The dog license tags for 1916, manufactured by Charles Trapp, were delivered at the city building today. There are 20 tags in all. Two thousand of the mad-dog scare dies there is going to be a big surplus. The tags are diamond-shaped and are made of brass and 200 of them to be sold for females, are made of aluminum.

Mirror Work. Coe's, 828 Kansas Ave.—Adv.

The membership campaign of the Central Y. M. C. A. is drawing to a close. Res stars have been placed on the name cards in the lobby when each gentleman brought in a new member. This is H. A. Jungles, the membership secretary, a system of keeping public books.

Painless dental work at moderate prices at the White Dental Parlor, 309 Kansas Ave., Phone 714.—Adv.

Topeka high school organizations are getting their pictures taken for the classbook. Each body met this week to make a date with a photographer and prescribe the uniform.

Dr. Charles Lyngar, dentist, 809 Kansas Ave., phone 714.—Adv.

The prescription for grip as advocated by a local hospital is: Take aspirin and quinine every three hours. Quit work when the back first begins to ache and go to bed. Drink all the water you want and keep from chilling. Most cases of grip are rapidly broken up this way, the authorities say.

See Mr. and Mrs. S. E. McFarland if you are needing glasses, 306 Kansas ave.—Adv.

The "Hid's Christmas Carol" was given this afternoon at the Topeka high school. The playlet took the place of a closing program and many mothers and relatives of the actors and students were present.

Suits and overcoats dry cleaned 75c. Topeka Laundry Co. Phone 2652.—Adv.

One Topeka show window has a fascinating display of skates and steel traps. Passersby smile at the savagery of the traps, but they are a matter of much interest to boys from 8 to 12 years of age. A few small boys get a revenue from the sale of skunk hides and an occasional muskrat skin.

Prize Masquerade Ball at Kellam hall, Monday, Dec. 27.—Adv.

The kindergarten at Potwin school

ASKS NEW CHANCE SAFE FROM SHAME

E. A. Wilcox Seeks Reinstatement as an Attorney.

Anthony Lawyer Has Been Disbarred More Than Two Years.

IN FAMOUS GILLETT CASE

He Was Charged With Unprofessional Conduct.

Reinstatement Petition Is Filed With Court Today.

After having been disbarred for more than two and a half years, E. A. Wilcox, of Anthony, today filed a petition with the state supreme court asking for reinstatement. Wilcox was ordered disbarred by the state supreme court following investigation of charges in the libel suits and disbarment case and the fight was a political issue in Harper county during two campaigns. Wilcox was disbarred in June, 1913.

In the Libel Case. It was while the disbarment case was pending that criminal suits were instituted in Topeka by the late Preston B. Gillett. Wilcox, then county attorney of Harper county, was arrested on a charge of criminal libel, as was Corey Black, a Council Grove merchant; Mrs. H. C. Medlock, wife of a Summerfield banker, and H. C. Erickson and A. E. Medlock, Topeka detectives.

The criminal libel concerned the circulation of alleged false and malicious affidavits, concerning Judge Gillett's relations with a 16-year-old Summerfield girl. The crime was alleged to have been committed in the National hotel while Judge Gillett was in Topeka as a guest at the annual meeting of the State Bar association and Kansas Day club in January, 1913.

All of the defendants except Wilcox were convicted. He was acquitted following a sensational trial in the Shawnee county district court. A year later, the supreme court ordered the lawyer's disbarment. Unprofessional conduct and association with the criminal libel were held as grounds for the court's action in refusing to permit Wilcox to practice in state courts.

"I told her I was going to do what I told her I would do if she didn't mend her ways," he begged me not to kill her."

"I pulled the tie tight. She struggled for a while." "When she didn't struggle any more and the blood began running from her mouth, I left her and went back to my husband."

"Yes, I did it. Yes, I did it. It had to be done." At 5:30 this morning Mrs. Schmitz awoke her husband, George H. Schmitz, a carpenter. "I have killed Gertrude," she told him. She spoke quietly as though she was telling her husband his breakfast was over. Schmitz said it was a nightmare. But his wife persisted in repeating the phrase over and over, so he ran down to the police station where Gertrude slept. He found her in bed, strangled with his necktie.

The mother followed him into the room and stood by the bed. "I did it, George. It was the only thing to do," she said, dry eyed. "The matter is no nearer a solution than when I was taking whisky because of worry."

Schmitz said his wife failed to understand why the young girl desired company of those of her age and that she had overestimated her daughter's waywardness.

will give a Christmas tree party. The Agricultural college is 2 o'clock. There are 33 urchins going to school and 33 will take part in the Christmas play so that the parents can have their seats. Christmas tree invitations made by the children have been sent out to the friends of the school and the play "The Christmas Story" is to be given.

Glass, Glazing and Paint. Miller & Gillespie, 823 K. A. Phone 955.—Adv.

Albert Williams, the farm hand who dislocated his necked arm, yesterday is in a fair way to recover, according to his physician, Dr. H. W. Roby. Williams, who has been in the hospital for many years on the farm of Geo. W. Siles, south of Highland Park, was thrown from a coal car on the night of Nov. 10. He landed on his head, dislocating one of the bones of his neck. The accident caused partial paralysis. Dr. Williams has been in the hospital for instruction. At the close of the meeting the diners sang the international anthem called "La Espero."

The members of the Square Circle met at luncheon today at the National hotel. E. B. Coe presided as chairman. L. C. Hahn gave a brief talk. Sanford Jarrell was elected to membership. The Square Circle is an organization of Topeka men who meet twice a month at luncheon and a "get together" session.

Nmas Framing. Coe's, 828 Kansas Ave.—Adv.

Balthasar Bagdikian of the Kansas State Agricultural college is visiting Topeka friends. Mr. Bagdikian is an Armenian and is studying to be a newspaper writer. He recently lectured at Manhattan on the massacres in Armenia. For the past year he has been unable to communicate with his parents who are in that country.

Mrs. Virginia Davis, stenographer in the City office, was married today to St. Francis hospital, where she will undergo an operation.

Dr. J. W. Hayward, dentist, 809 Kansas Ave., Phone 714.—Adv.

Professor and Mrs. Frank L. Snow of the Kansas State Agricultural college at Manhattan arrived in Topeka Wednesday afternoon to spend the holidays. Mr. Snow was with the State Journal until last September.

H. H. Raymond, Foot Specialist, Painless, 524 Madison. Phone 3260.—Adv.

Damages to the amount of \$2,500 are asked for by Jacinto Varroso in a personal damage suit against the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway company filed in the Shawnee county district court this afternoon. Varroso states his action that he was employed by the defendant company as a laborer near Volland October 11 and that he was permanently injured when the hand car which he was riding jumped the track. He also charges that the railroad company refused him medical attention.

Strike of Switchmen on Chicago Roads Averted by Action of General Managers Committee.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Settlement of the threatened strike of 4,000 switchmen employed by the railroad entering Chicago was announced today with the word that the railroad general managers had agreed to meet the employees' contention that transfer trains should include cabooses for the accommodation of the trainmen.



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- Mahogany Silk Shade Bed Room Lamps \$4.50
- Music Cabinets \$7.50

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IN TWO WEEKS, 7

Incendary Fires Continue to Puzzle Fire Department.

Firebug Has Become an Ever Present Menace.

Seven incendary fires, some of them endangering hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of property, have been handled by the Topeka fire department in the last two weeks. Such fires have become so common that they are a constant source of worry and anxiety to Joseph Hanlon, fire marshal. The whole fire department is on its toes constantly because of the fire bug.

The fire at the Raney cement plant at 201 East Curtis street last night was just another added to the list. It did less than \$5 worth of material damage, but it did more than that much damage to Chief Hanlon's nervous system. It meant that the fire bug is still on the job and that fire may break out anywhere at any time.

The Raney plant is near the Kaw Milling company's buildings, to which a fire was set last week. J. E. Cudney, watchman for the Kaw mill, discovered the Raney fire. It was on the second floor of a cement and frame building and had been started by setting fire to oily waste pulled from the journal of a nearby freight car. Cudney had a bucket of water before all the waste had been burned, and before the fire department arrived.

List of Fires. The list of incendary fires has grown with startling rapidity the last two weeks. The list to date follows: Residence of John Barrett at 1825 Fillmore street. One fire was discovered and extinguished by the department and another burned itself out in a closely sealed closet.

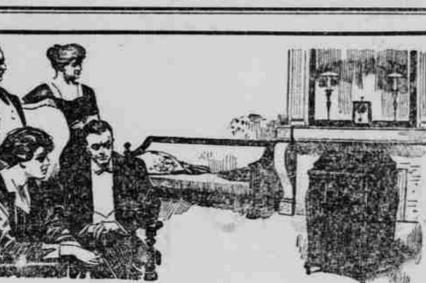
Schick mattress factory. Waste had been taken from a freight car and piled on a window sill, then touched off with a match.

Inter-Ocean Milling company. Fire had burned slowly in the elevator for hours before it was discovered. It was in a place where there was no chance of fire without human interference.

Kaw Manufacturing company. The building was filled with green baskets curing for the spring trade. There was no fire, no electric wires and no other possible means for the buildings to take fire without being set afire. The building and its contents were completely destroyed.

The Santa Fe bridge approach was set afire in some unaccountable manner and badly damaged. Chief Hanlon charges the fire to the fire bug or fire bugs.

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TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.

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