

# CHIEF SHIPPY EXONERATED

## VERDICT OF CORONER'S JURY IN AVERBUCH CASE.

### FIND KILLING WAS JUSTIFIABLE

#### Hears Testimony of Score of Witnesses Regarding Circumstances Surrounding Shooting of Russian Jew, Who Attacked Chief.

Chicago, March 25.—A coroner's jury declared Chief of Police Shippy and J. E. Foley, his driver, to have been justified in killing Averbuch, the young Russian Jew, who attacked the chief in his home recently. The verdict was rendered after a short deliberation following an exhaustive inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the shooting. More than a score of witnesses were examined, chief among whom were Olga Averbuch, sister of the dead man; Chief Shippy, himself; his son, Harry, who is



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recovering from an all but fatal shot through the chest, received in the affray, and other members of the chief's household. The verdict, after a perfunctory recital of the jury's findings as to the cause of Averbuch's death, read: "From the testimony presented, we, the jury, believe that said shooting was justifiable and exonerate said George M. Shippy and J. S. Foley from blame."

Chief Shippy was the last witness called. He told of having been called to the door and described the appearance of Averbuch, saying that he had a most vindictive look in his eyes, which gave a premonition of danger and caused Shippy to seize Averbuch's wrists. Up to the time his son was shot, Shippy said, he did not want to kill Averbuch. "When I saw my son shot and thought he was going to die," he continued, "I ceased being a policeman and became a father. I drew my revolver and fired three shots at the man. They all took effect."

## AMERICAN CAR REACHES 'FRISCO

### May Not Take Steamer for Alaska Until Early Part of May.

San Francisco, March 25.—The American car in the New York to Paris race arrived at the ferry slip and was driven aboard the ferryboat at 3:37 p. m. and twenty minutes later was rolling along Market street, accompanied by 200 other automobiles.

The American car will remain here for several days, undergoing numerous repairs and a thorough overhauling. It is not badly damaged, apparently, from the journey across the continent, but will be put in the best condition possible before proceeding by steamer to Valdez. The time of leaving here has not been definitely settled upon, but the car may not start until the early part of May.

The French car No. 2 arrived on the Southern Pacific Overland an hour later.

The Italian car is undergoing repairs at Ogden, 800 miles to the rear of the American automobile. It is being rapidly overhauled by the French car, which is at Church Buttes, Wyo., only 134 miles east of Ogden, and 176 miles ahead of the German contestant. The latter spent last night at Rawlins, Wyo.

### Orchard to Testify Against Adams.

Ouray, Colo., March 25.—Harry Orchard, under sentence of death in Idaho as the self-confessed murderer of Governor Steunenberg, will appear as the chief prosecuting witness against Steve Adams at Telluride in May, where Adams is to be tried in connection with the mysterious disappearance of a man named Barnet during

# Why Don't You Have That Child's Eyes Tested?

It costs you nothing and it may save your child from blindness. Many cases of sick headache and nervous diseases are caused by defective eyes. In school children permanent injury to the individual's health is often done by making the children use their defective eyes in close work at school. A few dollars invested in glasses now may mean perfect vision and health for your child in the years to come or a few dollars saved may mean poor vision, perhaps blindness and perhaps permanent injury to the health.

If you have a child that complains of headache, objects blurring the reading and running together, eyes feeling dry and a burning sensation after a short time at study, you may depend upon it that child is in need of glasses and you are falling short of your full duty if you do not at once have an examination made of their eyes.

We are prepared at all times to make an examination and give you honest advice we tell you frankly whether it is glasses or something else that is needed. If it is glasses we can make a correct fit.

It is the duty you owe to your children to see that their eyes are in proper condition. It should be attended to at once. We are licensed optometrists.

## NEWHOUSE BROTHERS,

JEWELERS AND OPTOMETRISTS.

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the riots of 1901 and 1902. To bring Orchard here as a witness it will be necessary for the Idaho board of pardons to commute his sentence of death to one of life imprisonment, and word has been received in this city that such action will be taken.

### Stewart Named as Senator.

Proctor, Vt., March 25.—John W. Stewart of Middlebury, former governor of Vermont, was appointed to the United States senate by Governor Proctor to fill the vacancy caused by the recent death of Senator Redfield Proctor. Mr. Stewart has accepted. His term will expire this coming fall.

### Daggett Talks Against Canteen.

Washington, March 25.—General Daggett, U. S. A., retired, made an argument before the house committee on alcoholic liquor traffic against the re-establishment of the canteen.

### AID TO HOMESTEADER

#### Congressman Kinkaid Working for Amendments to Full Section Bill.

Washington, March 23.—Congressman Kinkaid secured a favorable report from the committee on public lands on two sections of his bill to amend the Nebraska one-section homestead act, known as the "Kinkaid law." The effect of one section of the bill is to entitle entrymen to credit for improvements upon the old homestead yet owned and occupied, made subsequent to the date of new entry, as compliance with the improvement requirements of the new entry. Until a year or two ago the department had held as this amendment expressly provides, but by a later ruling credits for such improvements have been disallowed, yet under the old ruling hundreds of entrymen in accordance therewith, made their improvements on their old entry, hence the equity of the amendment, which will afford relief to many entrymen.

The other section exempts from payment of their appraised value lands of the old Fort Sheridan military reservation, located in Sheridan county, and the old Fort McPherson reservation, situated in Lincoln county. Both of these sections apply to existing unperfected as well as to new entries.

Senator Burkett has taken up with the war department the proposition of establishing a United States reservation with a view of permanently preserving and commemorating old Fort Kearney, Neb. The Historical Association of Nebraska has become interested in the matter and has corresponded with the senator in reference to it. He has taken the questions involved up personally with the war department and expects to introduce a resolution in the senate upon the subject.

### EMPLOYES WANT TO PROTEST

#### Railroad Workers Demand Hearing Before Commission on Rate Problem.

Lincoln, March 24.—The proposal of the railway commission to hold a hearing today on freight rates has stirred up the employees of railroads in Nebraska and a protest was received by the commission from E. M. Ryan, a Burlington engineer of Lincoln, who represents a joint committee appointed by railroad employees. Mr. Ryan was accompanied on his mission by F. H. Crosby, a Burlington conductor. They ask that a hearing be held at which railway employees shall be given an opportunity to protest against reduction of rates. It is

their intention to notify all railway employes in the state to be present. The commission set no date, but announced that a hearing would be granted before final action is taken on rates.

The state railway commission issued an order to railroad and express companies to give bills of lading on demand for all shipments.

### HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR DEATHS

#### Supreme Court Hands Down Two Opinions Against Saloon Keepers.

Lincoln, March 21.—The supreme court handed down two opinions in which liquor dealers are held responsible indirectly for deaths, and declaring that damages can be collected. In one the widow of a man who died as the result of a debauch at David City was empowered to collect a reasonable sum for support from the saloon keeper who sold her husband liquor. In the other, the Willow Springs Brewery company of Omaha is declared liable for the death of a boy who is alleged to have become intoxicated at the brewery, wandered onto the railroad track and was run over by an engine and killed.

### Ryder Inspecting Public Buildings.

Lincoln, March 23.—Colonel John J. Ryder, deputy labor commissioner, went to Fairmont to inspect the school building there and to consult with the members of the school board. Mr. Ryder returned from a trip to St. Paul and Aurora. At the latter place he found an opera house with dressing rooms beneath the stage, partly filled with lumber and rubbish. Show people used lamps to light the dressing rooms. The opera house has only one exit. He ordered a fire escape and an opening made in the rear of the house. At a hotel there he found one fire escape which opened onto a wooden platform. In the rooms on the third floor, however, he found ropes by which the guests could escape in case of fire. At St. Paul he found the heating plant of the school in a very bad shape. He ordered the plant moved, or proper escapes or exits made.

### Fire Breaks Out in Omaha Theater.

Omaha, March 23.—Fire in the Jewel theater sent an audience of 200 persons scurrying for safety. The fire broke out during a performance and scared spectators rushed for both front and rear exits. For a moment it seemed as if there would be a panic, but employees kept their heads and by their coolness succeeded in calming the frightened people. Several thousand dollars' worth of films were burned and nearby stores damaged.

### McDonald Succeeds Scudder.

Lincoln, March 21.—Telegrams from New York city stated that J. W. McDonald of Lincoln has been elected president of the Lincoln Traction company. He succeeds M. L. Scudder of New York. The headquarters of the company will be moved to Lincoln.

### Lincoln Signs Pitcher Bonno.

Lincoln, March 21.—Guy W. Green, owner of the Lincoln baseball club, secured the services of Pitcher Gus Bonno. He was acquired by purchase from the Washington American league team.

Pat—An' did yez have a good time last night?

Mike—Sure. We went out an' painted the town green!—Cleveland Leader.

### NORTH PLATTE'S MAYOR HELD

#### Anti-Saloon League Finds Whisky in His Drug Store and Will Prosecute.

North Platte, Neb., March 24.—The Anti-Saloon league caused arrests to be made of Dr. Nicholas McCabe, mayor of this city, and Josephine Owens, proprietor of a resort. Complaint was also filed against Lizzie Gaunt for running a house of this character. Premises of the three places were searched and considerable liquor was taken from the mayor's drug store. A case of beer was also secured at the place of Lizzie Gaunt, but she herself had flown. The largest amount was secured at Mayor McCabe's drug store, where a barrel, several kegs, jugs and bottles more or less filled with liquor of different kinds, were secured. Mayor McCabe is charged on eight counts with selling liquor without a license.

### PRAIRIE FIRE IN SAND HILLS

#### Depot at Halsey Is Missed by Fifty Feet and Dunning in Danger.

Halsey, Neb., March 23.—For a short time this town was in danger of being wiped out by a fierce prairie fire that devastated the country northeast and which was forced forward by a high wind. By quick work on the part of the citizens in plowing fire guards and a slight change in the direction of the wind, the day was saved, but not until the flames had come within fifty feet of the depot buildings, going on east, where it is still burning badly and no doubt will reach Dunning if the wind does not subside.

### Complain of Oil Rate.

Lincoln, March 23.—Representative of the Kansas Co-Operative Oil Refining company of Chanute called on the Nebraska railroad commission and filed a complaint claiming excessive freight rates on oil shipments from Kansas points to Superior, Neb., which is the Nebraska distributing point. The complaint is against the Santa Fe and it is alleged that for a nine-mile haul from Weber, Kan., to Superior, Neb., \$22 a car is charged, while from Chanute to Weber, 230 miles, but \$21 is the charge.

### Trickett Opens Prohibition Campaign.

Lincoln, March 24.—C. W. Trickett of Kansas City, Kan., assistant attorney general of that state, opened the Prohibition campaign in Lincoln last night with an extended address. His talk was an exposition of the methods employed at Kansas City to close the saloons, and included a report from the mercantile association of that place showing the effect of no saloons. Mr. Trickett will go from Lincoln to Illinois, where prohibition campaigns are going on in a number of towns.

### Two Babies Burned in Barn.

Geneva, Neb., March 23.—Two children of John Hoff, a boy and a girl, aged four years and six years, respectively, were burned to death in a barn. It is supposed they were playing with matches. Their mother, hearing their cries, ran out and found the barn in a blaze. She was too late to save them.

### Mr. Horn Died From Natural Causes.

Lincoln, March 23.—Mrs. Helen Horn, who left a large estate to Mrs. Shevaller, came to her death from natural causes. Chemists in Chicago, after an exhaustive post mortem examination, have found no trace of poison. Mrs. Horn died last September. Her sisters contested the will.

### TRY TO KILL STEVENS

#### ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE AMERICAN ADVISER TO KOREA.

#### Former Counsellor to Japanese Embassy at Washington Dangerously Wounded at San Francisco—Assassin Arrested—Gives Cause for Act.

San Francisco, March 24.—With the revolver of the would-be assassin concealed in a handkerchief, D. W. Stevens, formerly counsellor to the Japanese embassy at Washington, but for several years diplomatic adviser to the Korean government at Seoul, was shot and seriously wounded as he was about to leave for Washington. Three shots were fired at Mr. Stevens from a 32-caliber revolver by I. W. Chang, a diminutive Korean. The first bullet missed the diplomat and accidentally struck and perhaps fatally wounded M. W. Chun, one of the three or four Koreans who were lying in wait for Mr. Stevens. The other two shots took effect in Mr. Stevens' back, one bullet striking him under the right shoulder blade near the spinal column, and the second a few inches lower. While the wounds are serious, it is said that the chances for Mr. Stevens' recovery are good. The motive for the murderous attack apparently arises out of the resentment of a group of local Koreans to the Japanese protectorate over Korea, who sought to avenge their country for the important part played in the reorganization of its government by Mr. Stevens.

Chang says he is thirty years of age and has been in this country for two years, coming from Hawaii. He freely admitted shooting Mr. Stevens.

"Yes, me shoot him," he said. "Him no good. Him help Japan. Bime-by Korea allee same Japan." He said he had read about Mr. Stevens in the Japanese newspapers and had recognized him from a picture published. It was learned that a small band of Koreans had been on Mr. Stevens' trail ever since he arrived last Friday. Inquiry was made at all the principal hotels by them until they located him at the Fairmont. Chang is in a cell at the city prison. No charge will be placed against him pending the outcome of Mr. Stevens' injuries.

Paterson, N. J., March 24.—President Roosevelt states in answer to an appeal from Mayor McBride to exclude La Question Sociale from the mails for the purpose of suppressing the publication that besides directing that the newspaper be denied the use of the mails, he has requested the department of justice to make every effort to prosecute criminally those responsible for the publication.

### China Wants to See Fleet.

Washington, March 24.—China through Minister Wu, its diplomatic representative in Washington, has extended a cordial invitation for the American battleship fleet to stop in China on its way around the world.

### Wages of 22,000 Are Reduced.

New Bedford, Mass., March 24.—Notices of a wage reduction averaging 10 per cent were posted in all the cotton cloth mills in the city. About 22,000 operatives will be affected, 16,000 in the cloth mills and 6,000 in the yarn mills.