

WARRANT IS ISSUED FOR ABDUCTION

Ernest Melton Charged With Serious Crime by Blind Musician.

WIFE AND DAUGHTER BOTH ARE MISSING

Trio Have Been Singing and Playing on City Streets for Past Week.

One of the most pathetic scenes ever enacted in a local police court was witnessed yesterday afternoon in Judge Dolan's court. John Root, a traveling musician, well along in years and practically blind, appeared before the judge and begged that a warrant be issued for the arrest of Ernest Melton, whom he charges with abduction.

Root's story as told to the judge is one that would melt the heart of an iron man. The old man and his wife are both blind and for a number of years have been making a scant livelihood by traveling from town to town, and giving concerts on the streets. A 13-year-old daughter was their greatest help. The little girl sang, while the mother played on a portable organ, and her old daddy played a much worn and battered violin.

Things were going nicely for the Root family, and prospects were bright for making a little money this summer, to keep them through the winter months, when Ernest Melton appeared upon the scene. Melton met the little family in Minnesota, several weeks ago, and after gaining the confidence of the old couple, suggested that they travel in his car. His plan was to take a certain percentage of their earnings.

The plan worked successfully for several weeks, and the four traveled from Minnesota points to Bismarck. They have been playing and singing on the streets here for the past week, and turning over a goodly share of their earnings to Melton, who remained very much in the background.

MISSOURI AND OHIO ON RAMPAGE

Five Dead and Property Loss of \$2,000,000 from Floods.

Kansas City, Mo., July 16.—The Missouri river reached the 27 3/5 feet stage, the highest in the history of the local weather bureau, excepting in the disastrous floods of 1903 and 1908. It continued to rise to night. Because of the absence of heavy rains, the weather observer said, the situation is less threatening than this morning. The damage so far is comparatively light.

Auto Bandits Rob Bank of \$2,000 In The Day Time

North Liberty, Iowa, July 16.—Two heavily masked robbers entered the Farmers Savings bank shortly before the closing hour this afternoon, bound and gagged Assistant Cashier Cypra who was in the bank alone, and obtained \$2,000 after a ten-minute search, and then escaped in an automobile, which they are said to have stolen at Iowa City.

R. R. COMMISSION RATE HEARING

Creamery Interests in St. Paul to Submit Further Briefs on the Rates.

The state railroad commission yesterday heard the case of the creamery interests of this state for a reduction of intra-state rates on cream. The meeting was attended by a number of railroad and express officials from all parts of the country. G. L. Hubbell of the Midland Creamery company of Fargo represented the creamery interests at the hearing and presented the creamery men's side of the question.

Creamery men throughout the state are anxious to obtain a rate on cream that will be at least as low as the inter-state rate. At present all cream is shipped under the Beatrice, Neb., express rate, which is very unfavorable for the shipment of cream within the state. The object of the creamery men is to get a rate so that creameries can compete with those in other states. Under the present system, farmers can ship their cream to St. Paul and Minneapolis cheaper than they can ship it to points within the state.

The commission will take the matter under advisement, and further briefs on the rate subject will be submitted by both the creamery men and by express officials.

ZAPATA'S ARMY IS PUT TO FLIGHT

Carranza Forces Occupy His Former Stronghold; Villa Claims Victories.

Washington, July 16.—General Zapata's army has been driven from Mexico City and is retreating southward, after having been routed by the pursuing Carranza troops in the valley below the capital, according to a dispatch to Carranza. The message from Carranza stated that the Zapata forces lost 500 men and five locomotives, a large number of box cars, nine cannon, over 100,000 rounds of ammunition, two machine guns, several cases of cannon shells, the entire hospital service and a large quantity of mixed merchandise. The report continues:

"The Adjuco range of mountains on the southern edge of the federal district, extending into the state of Morelos, the former stronghold of Zapata and his followers, is occupied by Carranza forces. This practically clears the valley of Mexico of Zapata forces. Reports of the military activity in other parts have reached the state department. Consular messages asserting Villa's forces are in the 'real region near Paredon and Hermosas, and have won skirmishes with the Carranzistas. Villa reports claimed that Villa is moving northward from Aguas Calientes for strategic reasons which it is 'unwise to disclose at present.' The state department advises said Mexico City remained quiet and food conditions are improving.

J. B. MILLS WILL HANDLE PUBLICITY FOR EXPOSITION

Well Known St. Paul Advertising Man Was Employed Last Evening.

PLANS DISCUSSED FOR INDUSTRIAL SHOW

County Assistance Now Assures the Success of the Venture.

J. B. Mills of St. Paul, a well known publicity and advertising man, was selected last evening to handle the publicity and assist in the management of the next Bismarck exposition to be given in October. A corporation was organized recently to promote this show and the directors met last evening and after meeting Mr. Mills decided to employ him. He has had considerable experience in handling propositions of this kind. It is likely that a man will be selected to assist him in rounding up exhibits. Committees will get busy at once and prepare a preliminary list which it is said will be one of the best ever offered at the exposition.

The railroads have signified their intention to assist in making the show a good one. Special rates probably will be secured from North Dakota points. Counties throughout the Missouri Slope have offered to cooperate in making this show a success. Besides probably celebrating one of the greatest crops in this section of the state, the first exposition under the corporation of public spirited citizens of Bismarck will also commemorate the beginning of a campaign for settlers under the new immigration law. It is believed that this show will attract a large number of prospective settlers because of the reports that have gone out relative to crops in this section of the state.

The county commissioners have given the corporation every assistance possible and will co-operate in a practical way toward the success of the big industrial show.

RUSHING WORK ON TWIN CITY TRACK

Rain Interferes With Progress of Work But to No Serious Degree.

Minneapolis, Minn., July 16.—With a quarter mile of the concrete track paving laid and one of the stands well along toward completion, the grounds of the Twin City Motor Speedway company are beginning to assume tangible form. In spite of continued downpours and near-cloud-bursts, the huge project is being pushed ahead at top speed and will, without question, be ready for the opening 500-mile race on September 4.

During the week officials of the company, with committees from the various clubs and civic organizations of Minneapolis and St. Paul, met with officials of the street railway company to discuss improved transportation facilities to the Speedway. These plans will be thrashed out in detail, with the result that the street railway people will afford ample transportation for the great portion of the throng which cannot journey to the race by automobile.

Dr. C. E. Dutton for the Speedway company, announced yesterday that the company would offer a trophy for automobile tours to the race by clubs outside of the Twin Cities. This trophy will probably be in the shape of a loving cup of the value of \$100, and will be placed on exhibition in the Speedway offices in the near future. Any club in the state, outside of Hennepin and Ramsey counties, can enter the competition, which will be under the auspices of the Minneapolis Automobile club and will be conducted on the mileage basis. This means that a club touring 100 miles with ten members, will have a total mileage of 1,000. A club of five members touring 200 miles would have the same total and ranking.

Offices for the reservation of tickets have been opened by the Speedway company in the Dykmann hotel, in charge of Penamin A. Paust and Paul F. Cooke. Similar offices will also be opened in other hotels of the Twin Cities and Duluth.

ADVENTIST DIES.
St. Helena, Cal., July 16.—Mrs. Ellen G. White, one of the founders of the Seventh Day Adventists, died today, aged 88.

THE WEATHER.
North Dakota: Unsettled Saturday and Sunday.

QUARREL OVER A BOARD BILL EXPOSES CROOKS

Chicago Police Gather in \$75,000 Worth of Bogus Money.

LANDLADY'S DEMAND FOR CASH FLUSHES GAME

Counterfeit State Bonds in Sum of \$25,000 Are Also Disclosed.

Chicago, July 16.—Counterfeit money with a face value of nearly \$75,000 and alleged counterfeit state bonds running to \$25,000, dies, plates, engraving tools and chemicals used by a gang of counterfeiters who are believed to have operated on a large scale, fell into the hands of the police today.

Five men were arrested. Samuel Robbins, who said the money was made in Duluth, the police say, has confessed that he is the leader. He hired two men whose names are withheld by the police to help him. The remaining two, John Beckwith and Benjamin Saltzman, are said by Robbins to have been employed in passing the currency. The gang had \$2,000 in genuine one dollar bills which had been raised or were being raised to five dollar denomination. The men were about to move from the rooming house, but the landlady, to whom they owed money, would not let them take a heavy trunk in which the bogus money was found. There was trouble and the police were called. The alleged counterfeiters left, but the weight of the trunk prompted the detectives to look inside. Then they got photographs of the four men and located them in a Turkish bath.

GOVERNOR HANNA REVIEWS MILITIA

Visits Camp and Also Delivers Address at Chautauqua Meeting.

Devils Lake, N. D., July 15.—Yesterday was Hanna day at Chautauqua and Rock Island military reservation, adjoining. Before the governor and his personal staff the 12 companies, band and hospital corps of the First Regiment, North Dakota National Guard, passed in review at 11 o'clock this morning.

Yesterday afternoon Gov. Hanna addressed the Chautauqua assembly with the attendance close to a record for the assembly. Of the business institutions of the city, all closing to observe Devils Lake day at the lake shore. Last evening Governor Hanna and the officers of the guard were the guests of the Commercial club at a smoker at the Yacht Club house at the lake. The guests were also treated to motor boat ride on the lake, four big launches being provided for the excursion.

This afternoon the regiment went out on bivouac, dressing Rock Island to maneuver on the Indian reservation on the south side of the lake. For two nights and a day the troops will rough it on the tramp, several military problems having been arranged for solution on the hike. It is understood that Governor Hanna will leave late today to join the troops on the reservation, spending one day with the men in their tents and another in camp. The regiment will return to Rock Island Saturday. Sunday they will prepare to break camp, Monday being the last day of the 1915 visit of the guard.

Smoker For Governor.
At the smoker last night given by the Commercial club for the distinguished visitors, Governor Hanna, Col. Frazer, Judge C. J. Pisk, Majors Allen and Hanley, Col. Hale and Gen. Thraldson responded.

Farmhand Drowned in Red River

Fargo, N. D., July 16.—While engaged in assisting to remove brush that had collected around the bridge over the Red River near the Sam McKenzie farm in the Wild Rice vicinity, Leonard Canley, a young man who was employed as a farm hand at the McKenzie farm, drowned this afternoon, at about 2 o'clock. At the time of going to press the body had not been recovered, although every effort was being made by the people of the neighborhood.

ADMIRERS GIVE SUFFRAGE LEADER CAR; SHE'S 67, BUT IS LEARNING TO DRIVE



In recognition of her services in the New York campaign, suffrage workers of that state have given Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, president of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, an automobile. Although she is sixty-seven years old she has declared her intention to learn to drive the car and is now practicing on the smooth suburban roads near her home at Moylan, Pa.

HARRY THAW FREED RIDES ON BROADWAY AS CROWD CHEERS

New York, July 16.—Harry Thaw shook off the grip of the law today and motored down Broadway to the applause of admirers and crossed the ferry to Jersey City and bade the sheriff goodbye. He was whirled away toward Philadelphia with the car throwing dust on the procession of automobiles filled with news paper men under orders to stay with him.

One Mile Run Record Is Smashed

Cambridge, Mass., July 16.—The fastest recorded mile ever run by man was the athletic feat of Norman Taber, formerly of Brown University, in the Harvard stadium today. The time was four minutes, twelve and three-fifths seconds, bettering the old record by two and one-fifth seconds.

Wilson Has Decided on His Reply

Cornish, N. Y., July 16.—President Wilson today virtually put in shape his views on the German situation, which he will communicate to Secretary Lansing and other members of the cabinet on his return to Washington next week. He has now completed his preliminary study of the subject and is ready to bring his stay here to a close. The President communicated again today with Lansing, obtaining in a general way the ideas of the secretary on the position to be assumed by this government.

No announcement will be made until the President meets with the cabinet and it is determined finally upon the details of the next step.

FIND GAS WELLS NEAR STANTON

Stanton, N. D., July 16.—As the result of accidental striking of a gas well on the Philip Benz farm, about a mile west of Stanton, last week, farmers in this section of the state are raising prices on their land. At the Benz farm gas was struck at a depth of 75 feet, after lignite coal. Lighted, the gas flamed up for 20 feet. It has been capped and there is a movement on foot to determine the value and probably organize a company. It is understood that several farmers in the vicinity have started boring privately for gas.

VICTORY PUTS MORE INITIATIVE INTO AUSTRIANS

Re-organized by Germans, Their Army Makes Considerable Progress.

MOVE ON WARSAW GREATEST OF CONFLICT

Several Large Armies Co-operating Vigorously Against Russia.

London, July 16.—The Austro-German armies which now appear to be working in perfect concert, as the result of German organization, are giving the Russians little rest or time to reorganize themselves after the retreat from Galicia. Simultaneously with the German effort to reach Warsaw, the Russian lines serving that fortress from the north, the Austrians attacked along the Danube, succeeding in crossing that river at several points.

Comes to Life.
General von Mackensen's army which doubtless had been waiting for Field Marshal von Hindenburg to move in the north also has come to life again and fighting has been resumed in southern Poland. Elsewhere there is no fighting of more or less severity along the Russian front, except in central Poland where the Russians are in such strong positions that, in the opinion of military men, it will be impossible to break through.

The Germans claim to have made further progress with their northern operations but with the Russians retreating it is not likely the main forces have clashed as yet. The combined operations are the most gigantic yet undertaken, the aim being, according to military experts, to squeeze the Russians out of Warsaw City, and at the same time attempting an invasion of Bessarabia. While this effort to crush Russia is on there is little possibility, it is believed, of the Germans attempting any important movement in the west.

Rumania Declines.
More important is the news that Rumania declined to accede to Germany's demand that Rumania allow munitions to pass through that country for Turkey.

The day brought no change in the south Wales coal strike situation. The wet weather, which kept the men indoors, prevented them holding a mass meeting which was arranged and but few gatherings took place in the small halls where speakers devoted themselves to attacks on the colliery owners. The press is outspoken in condemnation of their action in quitting work. Supplies of coal on hand are sufficient to prevent embarrassment for a week or more, so far as the navy is concerned.

Success marked the aerial exploit of ten French aeroplanes, according to an official statement, which this morning dropped 46 shells of 75 M.M. calibre and six large bombs on the military station at Chauny, where there are important depots of war material. Fire broke out in two places. A barge was blown up on the Oise canal.

Rigid Economy.
Rigid economy, both public and private, with new taxation imposed forthwith upon all classes of people, in order that when the war is brought to a triumphant conclusion, the nation may enter a period of restoration with its financial power impaired to the least possible extent, is urged in a resolution passed at a meeting of leading bankers and financiers here. A deputation will convey it to Premier Asquith.

General Gallieni, the military governor of Paris, issued an order forbidding the purchase by, or the sale to soldiers and officers, of whatever grade, in entrenched camp at Paris, of any alcoholic liquors whatsoever.

Result of Strike Is More Pay

Chicago, July 16.—Officials of the City Traction company announced that the award of the arbitration board increasing the wages of employees will be accepted regardless of the refusal of representative earlier today to sign the award document. The award increased the pay of conductors and motormen three cents an hour. It is estimated the increase will be retroactive to June 1, and will cost the company a million and a half annually.

EDITOR OF BROOKLYN EAGLE IS DEAD.
New York, July 16.—St. Clair McKelway, editor of the Brooklyn Eagle, died at his home in Brooklyn this afternoon at the age of seventy. He had been ill for a long time.