

### HURLS BOOK AT MURPHY'S HEAD WHEN CORNERED

Stormy Session at Minot in Youmans Case and Fight Narrowly Averted

### PLAINTIFF ADMITS THAT HE WAS REGULAR ROBBER

Did Not Reform Until Minot Bankers "Tried to Kill Him Off," He Said

Minot, April 1.—When Francis J. Murphy forced Grant Youmans to admit that he was only a common robber, a book sailed through the air, reminiscent of the I. W. W. riots here some time ago. The assistant attorney general comes of fighting blood and coolly dodged the book and began a cross examination that forced the witness into all kinds of humiliating admissions.

The trial has reached a point where most people regard it as farcical and it is believed that the matter will not reach the jury.

### Wants Manahan's Gail.

In one of many tilts between Senator Purcell and James Manahan, the senator said: "I have a request that I wish you would grant, and that is that when you die you would will me your gail, for if I had a bunch of gail like that I could put a nickel's worth on a jack rabbit's tail and he would be brave enough to fight a bull dog."

This war of words was one of the many interesting ones that opened up after the afternoon session. During the excitement of the morning session attorneys Manahan and Le-senier, attorneys for plaintiff, jumped to their feet, expecting to take hand in the trouble. When Youmans threw the book at Attorney Murphy, ex-Senator Purcell, attorney for defendants, jumped to his feet to assist his colleague.

Shouts At Purcell. Mr. Youmans, now on the defensive, ordered Mr. Purcell to stay away from him. Mr. Purcell told Mr. Youmans that he was a different man and that he would not sit down for witness. For a time it looked as if a number of attorneys would get into a scuffle, but the court called on the sheriff to restore order. During the cross-examination of Mr. Youmans, it has come out that Mr. Ghent was one of the I. W. W.'s who helped to cause trouble at Minot, two years ago and that he was used as a dummy by Mr. Youmans in his translations. That others of the same ilk were used in a like capacity.

The afternoon session was called at 1:45 o'clock, but before 1:00 o'clock the court room was crowded and 20 minutes before Judge Kneeshaw took his seat it was impossible to get standing room. The people were drawn to the court room expecting to see a spectacular play. When Youmans took his seat he appeared somewhat nervous and seemed to be very much on the defensive and cautious in answering questions.

In Lively Tilt. Attorneys Murphy and Manahan opened the fireworks of the afternoon by engaging in a tilt regarding looking up of land renting record and were cautioned by the court. The cross-examination will probably take several days longer, as each of the securities which were in the savings deposit bank will be fully covered and the defense will attempt to show that the same were fraudulent and that the banking board was fully justified in the action they took relative to the bank.

Mr. Youmans was given a very grueling examination relative to securities, taking up the sum of \$22,000 which Mr. Youmans admitted was carried by the bank at the time the examiner closed it.

Mr. Murphy, in his cross examination of plaintiff, was going through each one of these securities. Mr. Youmans admitted that on the day the transaction took place his savings loan and trust company, Mr. Gagne executed mortgages which were accepted as prior mortgages on land. At one time during the examination Mr. Youmans lost his temper and a scene such as is seldom seen enacted in the court room took place. Following is a verbatim report of the examination at that point:

Q. Is that another banker's trick in buying real estate that way?  
A. Simply another banker's method of making land available for commercial purposes.  
Q. A banker's trick of making land available for commercial purposes?  
A. I won't answer that.  
Q. You don't answer that?  
A. No.  
Q. You decline to answer it?  
A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Because it contains the word "trick"?  
A. I answered your question.  
Just A Trick.  
Q. I'm asking you another question, if it wasn't a banker's trick to make the land available for commercial purposes?  
A. Just a small trick I learned (Continued on Page Seven.)

### \$200,000 Fire at Dickinson Last Night

Round House and Number of Engines Consumed by Blaze Last Night

Dickinson, N. D., April 1.—The Northern Pacific round house, including the machine shop, is on fire and in spite of all that firemen have been able to do, the main part of the structure is a total wreck. Five engines, including two of the heavy passenger types, are smoldering in their stalls. Fortunately, there is no wind and it looks as though the firemen would be able to save the south row of stalls and a few in the old part of the east side. Railroad men think that fire caught from defective electric wires. Loss is estimated from one to two hundred thousand.

### ENGINEER HESS BLAMED FOR WRECK

He Was Driver of Second Section of Train and Was Running at 50 Miles an Hour in Fog

Cleveland, April 1.—Blame for the New York Central wreck at Amherst last Wednesday, was placed on Herman Hess, engineer of the second section, train No. 86, which crashed into the first section, while running 50 miles an hour, through a dense fog, by D. C. Boom, general manager of the company in an official statement issued tonight.

The fixing of the blame, says Mr. Boom, was determined by the railroad's own investigation and corroborated by the evidence adduced at the hearing conducted by the Inter-Ohio Utilities commission, which ended today.

The joint Federal-State investigation has been concluded, but their finding will not be made public until later.

### Dr. Waite Makes Formal Confession

His Story Carried in New York Newspapers for This Morning

New York, April 1.—What purports to be a formal confession by Dr. Arthur Warren Waite, that he murdered his father-in-law, John E. Peck, of Grand Rapids, Mich., is printed this morning by the New York Herald. The confession is said to have been contained in a letter sent to the newspaper by Waite. Accompanying it is another letter signed by Walter Deuel, Waite's counsel, in which he is quoted as saying Waite desired to make his statement "to unburden his soul somewhat from the heavy load upon it as the only thing he could do in atone-ment."

### FAMOUS EDUCATOR DIED SATURDAY

Ann Arbor, Mich., James E. Angell, 87 years old, president emeritus of the University of Michigan, died at his home here today. He had been critically ill for more than a week.

### MR. LAHR OBTAINS MORE OVERLANDS

W. E. Lahr, president of the Lahr Motor Sales company, Overland Distributors, returned from the East Friday, where he went in an endeavor to obtain delivery of Overland cars. Mr. Lahr was successful to the extent of twenty carloads or an even hundred Overlands, which are coming through to his firm as fast as they can be loaded. While this is quite a lot of cars, Mr. Lahr states it will take care of less than one third of his dealers, who are clamoring for deliveries. In speaking further of the enormous demand for Overland cars, Mr. Lahr said that his firm took delivery of more cars during the last thirty days, than he sold during the entire 1914 season.

### ARMY BILL IN SENATE DISCUSSIONS

Solons Hear More Testimony and Receive Suggestions. Many Amendments Await Action

### "INSURMOUNTABLE BARRIER" SAYS BORAH

Militia Cannot Be Federalized Senator from Utah States in Upper House Saturday

Washington, April 1.—The senate debated the army increase bill again today without any indication as to when work would begin on the mass of pending amendments. As yet, Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the military committee, has made no effort to limit the general discussion which began yesterday, and it probably will continue several days.

Senator Borah told the senate he had found an insurmountable barrier against the proposal in the bill for federalization of the National Guard. He gave many legal citations to support his contention that under the Constitution, Congress has no power to enforce the discipline it has authority to prescribe. Should any state refuse to appoint officers, or to train National Guardsmen, he said, Congress would be without any recourse. It could neither provide for the training of the guardsmen itself, or compel the state to act, and it could not empower the president to appoint officers nor compel the state to appoint them.

Use as Mine Layers. Another feature of national preparedness was considered today by the house military committee, with Secretary Redfield testifying in support of the lighthouse bill. The secretary said the 25 seagoing buoy boats now in service would be available as mine layers or sweepers in time of war. Their drag equipment for locating pinnacle rocks, he added, would be invaluable for mine sweeping or to trap hostile submarines.

The house naval committee was not in session. Secretary Daniels is expected to conclude his testimony Monday, when the hearings will be brought to a close. Chairman Padgett hopes to have the navy bill before the house two days later.

Reject \$400,000 Amendment. The first attempt to add new projects to the \$400,000 rivers and harbors appropriation bill failed in the house today when an amendment by Representative Teague, to appropriate \$400,000 for a forty-foot channel from President Roads at Boston to the sea, was rejected overwhelmingly.

House leaders professed to see in the vote, a forecast that the committee's recommendations against the new projects would be approved and that the bill would pass virtually as reported.

Recent developments in connection with the prosecution of neutrality cases, and the turn taken by the Mexican situation have further impressed officials here of the necessity for extending the country's neutrality laws, and a recommendation for revision may be made to congress within a few weeks by the Neutrality board.

### HOMESTEADER SHOT IS SANISH REPORT

No Details of the Affair Could Be Obtained nor Could Name of Victim Be Learned

A report has reached Bismarck that one man, while in a quarrel over some real estate 18 miles north of Sanish, had shot with intent to kill, a homesteader of that section. No details of the affair could be learned last evening. This meagre account was reported by people of that part of the country who came to Bismarck Saturday.

### GERMANS GAIN NO MORE FRENCH GROUND

Reports That Efforts to Advance Were Repulsed by a Ring of Fire From Allies

### ENGLISH CAPTURE ZEPPELIN AND CREW

Berlin States That No Official Report Has Been Received as to Sinking of Englishman and Sussex

London, April 1.—An attempt by the Germans to follow up their success in obtaining a foothold in the village of Vaux by an infantry attack between Vaux and Douaumont has failed. Preparation for the attack was made by a violent artillery bombardment. The French curtain of fire stopped the infantry assault, France says. The postilions between Avancourt and Mallemeur continue to be subject to heavy bombardment.

Crisis in Holland. Seemingly the situation in Holland with reference to the war is approaching a crisis. Notwithstanding a denial that the Dutch government had withdrawn the furlough of soldiers requisitioned trains, an official report from The Hague says that the ministers of state have held an extraordinary council. The leading Dutch newspaper declares that the anxiety in Holland is now due to the Tabacaria affair, but to the recent Paris conference of the Allies.

Capture Zeppelin. Seventeen unarmored and several wounded soldiers were taken from the Zeppelin ship L-15 which was hit and fell into the Thames estuary. The survivors said that a junior officer had been left on the ship to blow her up, if necessary. The Zeppelin sank while being towed to port, after the crew was rescued.

The German prisoners from the destroyed Zeppelin L-15, number 17, with their commander. All of the prisoners are youthful in appearance and were cheerful. The commander wore the iron cross. They reached a southwestern military center this morning. Some of them related their experiences quite freely, and asserted that the crew drew lots who should remain behind and blow up the Zeppelin when it was found the dirigible could fly no further. The task fell to a junior officer, whose duty was to wait until the remainder of the complement had left, then on receiving a signal, blow up the airship. This meant certain death for himself.

No Official Report. The German government has informed Ambassador Gerard that it is without official information concerning the explosion which damaged the British channel steamer Sussex, and sunk the British horse ship Englishman, both of which were carrying American citizens. In a dispatch dated Thursday and reaching the State department today, Mr. Gerard said the German government had only newspaper reports on the two cases and was making an investigation which might be concluded within three or four days. The Berlin foreign office promised to inform Mr. Gerard when the inquiry is completed. It is realized here that it may be a week before all the German submarine commanders, who might have been concerned, have had an opportunity to report.

U. S. to Investigate. The German department's own investigation into the cases of the Sussex and the other ships which while carrying Americans have been overtaken by disaster, will be continued.

Directed Against No Power. The new measures taken by Holland are not directed against any power in particular and neither Germany nor any other power can have any reason to be uneasy over them. They are declared to be issued on account of the fact that Holland might eventually become involved in the war, and have no other purpose than to further the maintenance of the neutrality law maintained.

The Dutch minister emphasized the fact that the measures were only dictated by prudence and indicated no intention on the part of Holland to change its course.

Germany Satisfied. Private advices reaching here from Holland connect the new measures directly with the discussion at the Paris conference of the Entente Allies regarding their future economic attitude toward Holland. The Associated Press learns that the new situation created by Holland's watchfulness is without uneasiness, but with a certain degree of satisfaction in German circles.

### STRUCK BY BATTED BALL, BOY DIED SOON AFTERWARD

New York, April 1.—While running to catch a batted baseball in a practice game here today, Albert Kennedy, 18 years old, tripped and fell. He was struck on the head by the ball and suffered a fracture of the skull, from which he soon died.

### "NO QUARTER FOR GRINGOS" WAS ORDER OF VILLA IN CAPTURED MEXICAN TOWNS

NON-PARTISAN CONVENTION HAS ENDED AT FARGO

### DAKOTA DAN WAS MARRIED IN MARCH

Miss Mabella Drake, of Melrose, Massachusetts, Friend of Claimants Family, the Bride

Boston, April 71.—The marriage at Grand Rapids, Wis., on March 15 of "Dakota Dan" Russell, who tried unsuccessfully for years to prove that he was the long missing heir to the estate of Daniel B. Russell of Melrose, a wealthy merchant, was announced here tonight. His bride was formerly Miss Mabella Drake, of Melrose, whose family lived for many years as neighbors of the Russells.

### POLYHAR CONTRACTS FOR GAS PLANT

At Fort Wayne, Indiana

Fort Wayne, Ind., April 1.—Another large contract has been landed by the Western Gas Construction company of this city with the signing up of articles last Saturday for a large Polyhar gas plant at the Valley City, N. D., Gas company, with the local Polyhar, president of the Valley City, N. D., Gas company, with the local Polyhar, and signed up with the local concern for the plant, which will have a daily capacity of 125,000 cubic feet.

The Bismarck plant will be up-to-date in every respect, equipped with the most modern machinery, and arranged for future extension. The station equipment will represent an expenditure of \$40,000, all of which will be furnished by the Western Gas. This does not include foundation, buildings or street mains.

Five or six years ago the Ft. Wayne company erected a large plant for Mr. Ployhar at Valley City. This plant has proven so satisfactory that he turned to the Western Gas at once when he obtained a franchise in Bismarck.

Negotiations between the North Dakota man and the local firm have been pending several months. As a result, Mr. Ployhar was enabled to get the gas plant machinery here at more nearly the reasonable price which prevailed a few months ago instead of being subjected to the price penalty encountered from organization delay, at flush times like the present.

### Tried to Put Dynamite on Steamboat

Earnest Schiller Locked in New York Jail on Charge of Attempted Destruction of Vessel

New York, April 1.—Charged with attempting to place dynamite on the Cunard steamer, Paonia, Clarence Hudson, also known as Ernest Schiller, the German stowaway, who took possession of the British steamer, Matoppo, at sea last Wednesday night, was locked up tonight at police headquarters. According to the police, Hudson and three other men planned to blow up the Panania on the night of March 3, while she was moored in the North river.

Hudson admitted he had used a motor boat in which dynamite was stored, but refused to say where the launch or explosive could be found.

### LUCCOCK DIES AT LA CROSSE

Bishop Nathalia Luccock, taken ill several weeks ago at Jamestown, but who rallied sufficiently to be removed from the hospital there, died at La Crosse, Wis., yesterday morning.

### WASHBURN MAN HAS BAD STROKE

Washburn, N. D., April 1.—A telegram was received from Sioux Falls, S. D., saying Aug. H. Wahl had had a stroke of paralysis. A second message brought the news that his right side and vocal organs were paralyzed. Perry Wahl left the following morning for Sioux Falls. As soon as Mr. Wahl is stronger he will be brought home or taken to Bismarck. The message Wednesday said he was improving.

### COL. DODD IS MERCILESSLY ON BANDITS TRACK

Has the Fugitive Surrounded and Tracing Him to His Mountain Lair

### THREE AMERICANS KILLED AT MINACA

Englishman and German Suffer Death at Hands of Villainous Marauders

El Paso, April 1.—The story of the murder of three Americans, a German and an Englishman, at Minaca, was brought here today by Americans arriving from Chihuahua City, and was accepted as authentic by federal officials.

The bandits' victims were Benjamin Sneli, Dr. M. P. Sneli, Lee Lindson, Americans; Herman Blakenburg, a German; Donald McGregor, also known as Bruce, a British subject. Two other Americans, Henry Acklin and Frank Woods, were in Minaca at the time, but their fate is unknown. The news was brought to Chihuahua City by J. A. Locke, the only American known to have escaped the massacre.

Put to Death "Gringos." According to the story, Villa captured Minaca, Guerrero and San Isidro last Monday. Everywhere he went he announced his intention of putting to death every "gringo" that fell into his hands and he carried out his intentions. As far as the Mexicans were concerned, the bandit promised safety to all those who did not take up arms against him. No quarter was shown to the Carranzista troops who attempted to resist him. There were numerous reports in El Paso today that Villa was already captured.

Col. Dodd Following Villa. Driving mercilessly 400 troopers under Captain Dodd, to capture or wipe out the Francisco Villa's largest command, which they defeated at San Germano ranch, several days ago, according to mere reports seeping across the border today.

Headquarters Report. Military headquarters here made this statement:

"No details of the engagement have been received. The only messages received from the south were of purely routine nature and in none of them was the engagement mentioned." Although the pursuit by the Americans is a new experience for Villa, one he has never met in all his years of guerrilla warfare, army men here are not inclined to minimize the task before Col. Dodd.

Excitement Prevailed. From the moment the news of the battle was announced, the greatest excitement has prevailed in Columbus, the town which Villa attacked less than three weeks ago and in which he murdered eight civilians and seven American cavalrymen.

Something of this sentiment was expressed at a sale of 34 Villa mounts captured by American troopers after the raid on Columbus.

\$4.50 to \$20.00. The prices obtained for the animals ranged from \$4.50 to \$20.00, and this despite the fact that there were the best horses captured, the others being in such condition that it was necessary to kill them.

"I wouldn't have one of those ponies about my place," said a rancher who fingered with his cartridge belt as he watched the sale. "The poor skates would always remind me of my friends killed at Columbus."

Wireless Report. Commanding General at the extreme front, by aeroplane to field headquarters, and by wireless to Columbus, N. M.

Hope of the American cavalrymen under Col. George A. Dodd, on finding Francisco Villa among the snow-clad slopes of the Continental Divide are based on the discovery today of the tracks of carriage wheels in modern "ruts" near here. These, it is believed, may have been made by the vehicle which carried away the injured leader. Ever since they defeated the Villa commander at San Gardemero ranch, with heavy losses last Wednesday, the American cavalrymen have searched ceaselessly for the bandit leader, but up to today no definite information concerning his whereabouts had reached this camp.

Villa has disappeared in a way which, considering the relentlessness of the American pursuit, seems mysterious. The American troops have not encountered any natives who will even admit they have seen Villa.

Every gorge, arroyo, canyon trail and watering place in this vicinity is (Continued on Page Seven.)

### CELEBRATED RATE CASE RE-OPENED

Hearing the Matter Will Begin March 14. Involves Through Freight Charges

Washington, April 1.—The celebrated inter-mountain rate case, begun in 1911 and disposed of three years later in the supreme court, was re-opened today by the I. C. C. on petition of the Spokane-Merchants association and the Nevada closing of commissary.

Hearings will begin here April 14, and a decision will be rendered as speedily as possible.

Involves Freight Rates. The case involves the railroads' rights to charge higher rates on many commodities from Atlantic coast cities to points west of Denver than are charged on the through-haul from coast to coast.

Pacific coast points now enjoying low through rates to the disadvantage, it is claimed, of intermediate points between Denver and the Pacific, are San Francisco, Seattle, Portland, Vancouver and San Pedro, the port of Los Angeles.

No Need to Discriminate. Radical changes in transportation conditions due mainly to the European war and the closing of the Panama canal by slides has eliminated competition between transcontinental railroads and steamship lines, the petitioners declare, so there is no longer necessity for discriminating in intermediate points so such competition has to be met.

### THE WEATHER

North Dakota, increasing cloudiness with probable showers Sunday and Monday.