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Current Comment

Pie For Brookhart.

Our old friend Luther Brewer is breezing about Washington with the stupefying announcement that he will contest the election of Senator Smith Wildman Brookhart. A special message from the capital tells an anxious Iowa electorate that Luther visited the White House yesterday to inform the President of his intention to fight. Whether or not Mr. Coolidge required the services of a physician after receiving the announcement is not made known

Friend Luther balled things all up during the recent campaign by jumping in as an independent candidate Then, after it was too late for anyone who might have had a real chance to accomplish something to get into the race, Luther jumped out again But the damage was done. His name could not be taken off the ballot and he received more than enough votes to have elected Steck and defeated Brookhart.

What was worse, Luther represented that peculiar type of reactionary Iowa republicanism that has caused the grand old party in this state to be kicked into the gutter by Brookhart, who knows how to capitalize such situations. So, when Luther butted in on the campaign, all Brookhart had to say was "I told you so!" and wait for another victory.

And now Luther beats it for Washington, combs out his whiskers and prances up and down Pennsylvania avenue, from the Capitol to the White House, making people wonder what it's all about. And Brookhart surely must enjoy the spectacle.

Luther gets his name in the paper so frequently that some may come to believe he is a prominent figure in Iowa politics. In his own bailiwick the facts disclose that he wasn't important enough to get the postmaster's appointment when he went after it, that he isn't even a member of the republican county central committee, and that he is as popular at a republican gathering anywhere in this state as a mouse at a bridge tea.

How does he get this way?

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Hanging On.

A German chemist, Joseph Born, took his own life in London yesterday. He had originated a method for the synthetic manufacture of several expensive drugs and narcotics, had gone to England to find a market for his formulas. His funds ran low and he was notified that he and his family would have to vacate the house in which they lived So he committed suicide.

On the day on which his lifeless body was discovered, it was learned that one of the large British firms to which he had sought to sell his formulas just had decided to deal with him and had prepared an offer of ten thousands dollars as first payment on the purchase. If Born had waited a few hours more his troubles would have cleared away and soon he would have been in comfort.

This world ordinarily does not hold much for the man who won't hang on and fight it out. And not infrequently are the circumstances similar to Born's. Discouragement causes cessation of effort just as success is about to hustle around the corner.

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The Broader View.

Senator Ladd of North Dakota was one of the insurgents who favored punishing the republican party by the election of Robert La Follette to the presidency. Consequently he was one of the quartet of solons who virtually were read out of the party by the republican senate conference a few weeks ago

Yesterday Mr. Ladd took the floor in the senate chamber to express his dissatisfaction with this procedure. He explained that his first duty is to the people of North Dakota, and that he does not intend to listen to dictation from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, or anywhere else.

No one denies that a senator should pay strict attention to his constituency, that its desires should be given first consideration. But it has become apparent that the senator who best serves is he who does not jump at every crack of the whip from his own state, who does not lie prone, ear to ground, from beginning to end of congressional sessions. When our senators realize that there are forty-eight states, that congress is supposed to represent all of them, that it speaks, or should speak, for the American people as a whole, that the interests of the whole are more important than the interest of any group—then those senators will be worth their salt.

One look at North Dakota should give the people of the other forty-seven states a few ideas as to the desirability of a nation-wide political situation of that particular variety.

BANDITS GET $1,000.

DES MOINES, Jan. 7.—Robbers invaded two Des Moines homes last night, held up a woman and a man and escaped with jewelry and money amounting to about $1,000.

Coliseum Project Is Revived

MAY DISPLACE PLAN FOR NEW HIGH SCHOOLS

Chamber Will Decide Which Issue Is To Be Voted On At Next Election.

(CEDAR RAPIDS NEWS)

A bond issue for either a coliseum or two senior high schools will be placed before the voters of Cedar Rapids at the election in March.

This decision was reached last night at a meeting of the school board when a discussion over combining the two proposals by using Washington high school for the coliseum culminated in a vote to put the matter up to the Chamber of Commerce.

If the business men of the city, through the Chamber of Commerce, decide to petition the city council to place a bond issue for a coliseum before the voters in the spring, the school board will not submit a bond issue proposal for the senior high schools, it was decided.

Committee to Decide.

Frank Byers, chairman of the building committee of the school board, went from the board meeting to the meeting of the directors of the chamber and informed them of the decision of the school board.

A coliseum committee was selected some time ago by the chamber and the matter will be placed before this body for a report to the board before the decision is announced.

The action of the school board made one thing certain, that Cedar Rapids will vote on only one bond issue in the spring, either for a coliseum or for two senior high

William B. Ittner, St. Louis architect, met with the school board at 4 p. m. yesterday to go over the preliminary plans on the requirements of an east side senior high school, prepared by Arthur C. Deamer, superintendent of schools. The board ordered him to sketch a plan for the school building. This work will be carried out for some future use in case the coliseum bond issue sidetracks the school program, it was said.

Additional materials and equipment for the Woodrow Wilson junior high school, now under construction in Twenty-third avenue at J street west, were ordered by the board. A better quality of brick than is used on the exterior of the building was ordered for the interior of the entrances. Mr. Deamer was appointed by the board to examine the steel lockers for the building to see if they are the same as are used in the Benjamin Franklin school. Mr. Byers was instructed to take up the matter of driveways in view of selecting the type of construction that will make the least noise when used while school is in progress.

To Treat Trees.

J. A. Motejl, chief engineer, was ordered by the board to examine the trees at the local schools and report the number that need attention.

The question was raised at the meeting as to whether or not cheaper lumber could be used in the manual training department as a matter of economy and still give the students the same traning and instruction. Mr Deamer agreed to make a check of this department of the schools and report to the board.

On the recommendation of W J. Neill, the salary of Stanley Bowers, truck driver and keeper of the school supply department, was raised $5 a month. Mr Neill read a letter from Mr Motejl telling of the excellent work being done by Mr. Bowers.

The resignation of Maymie Pulda was accepted. Agnes Robertson was granted a six months' leave of absence and Bergit Samuelson was employed as a teacher

Mayor J. F. Rall when questioned today as to the city dads' attitude on the proposition to use the Washington high school building for coliseum or city hall, in case new senior high schools are built, refused to be quoted, declaring that the council had no statement to make at this time.

He referred, however, to the generally accepted theory that when a new city hall or coliseum or a municipal building and coliseum combined is built, it should be on the island He declared most folk have felt whenever the subject was discussed, that the island is the logical location for the municipal building.

Army To Contain 119,000 Strength

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—(By Associated Press)—The house today approved provisions of the war department bill for maintenance of the regular army at its present strength of 12,000 officers and 119,000 men

Good Weather To Last Another Day

DES MOINES, Jan. 7.—(By Associated Press.)—Another twenty-four hours of mild winter weather was promised for Iowa today by the Iowa weather bureau. At its lowest point, it was said, the thermometer will register fifteen degrees in some localities.

Wealthy Woman Sings In Street To Aid Blind Man

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 7.—(By Associated Press.) — Peter Van Dever, blind violinist, played for pedestrians on Atlanta's streets yesterday but coins seldom rattled in his cup.

Mrs. A. S. Hardcastle, Washington, Ga., wife of the president of Washington and Lincoln railroad, who was shopping in the district, noticed his predicament.

She took a place by his side and hundreds of persons gathered around as she began singing, with Van Dever accompanying her. After several selections, including "The Rosary," and "Swanee River," she left, amidst applause, to continue her shopping.

Van Dever's cup was full and running over.

Heroine Of Gold Rush Days, Champ Musher, Is Buried

TUCSON, Ariz. Jan. 7.—(By Associated Press).—When the body of Miss Nellie Cashman is lowered into its frozen earthen vault in Victoria, B. C., today, the career of a woman who commanded the respect of that rough and ready element that prospected for gold from Arizona to the Arctic regions of Canada and Alaska, will have been finally closed.

Friends today recalled the days of 1877 when Miss Cashman first came to Arizona, following the lure of the gold. In the early eighties she "grubstaked" several of the state's present millionaires on the gamble that they would find a "strike" in the Tombstone, Ariz., gild field. Later she used the money returned by these men to finance her long trip to Alaska where she outfitted and "mushed" into the interior—and again, it was gold she was seeking.

It was recalled that only last year when she had reached the alloted age of three score and ten, the "champion woman musher of the [illegible] Klondike, Alaska, a snow trail that stretched over a distance of 750 miles.

KELLOGG ATTENDS FIRST DEBT SESSION

Opening Meeting Lasts Few Minutes; Adjourn To Study Reports Submitted By Various Committees.

BULLETIN.

PARIS, Jan. 7.—(By Associated Press.)—Winston Churchill, British chancellor of the exchequer, and James A. Logan, jr., representative of the United States with the reparation commission, conferred this evening following the preliminary session of the allied finance ministers and it was understood that the prospects for a settlement of American claims for reparations were favorable.

PARIS, Jan. 7.—(By Associated Press.)—The conference of allied finance ministers, called to consider the distribution of German reparation payments and kindred subjects, opened its series of meetings today with a session lasting forty minutes. The proceedings were confined to an exchange of formal addresses, the representatives present among whom was included an American diplomatic delegation, being welcomed by Etienne Clementel, French minister of finance, to whose address Winston Churchill, British chancellor of the exchequer, replied suitably.

The delegates adjourned until 5 p. m. tomorrow to give the members time to study the mass of reports and documentary points of view submitted by the various countries.

Experts who have been active in work under the Dawes plan were given the task of drafting a program to be submitted tomorrow. They will recommend the procedure to be followed and outline generally what questions should be taken first.

M. Clementel, finance minister of France, said that the work before the conference was not simple.

"But in reality," he said, "this tangle of rights and interests is the problem that dominates. All the rest is detail."

Frank B. Kellog, American ambassador to Great Britain, James A. Logan, jr., American representative with the reparations commission and Myron T. Herrick, American ambassador to France, attended the opening session.

M. Clementel in welcoming the delegations, said he was glad to see among them a number of men who had aided in solving previous problems.

"I know by experience," he said, "that together we will find unanimous solutions for the problems confronting us and that we are going to be able to complete the work begun in London several months ago."

YOUR PAPER

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ROBERT CAREY MAY STEP INTO CABINET SEAT

Ex-Governor Of Wyoming Tipped As New Secretary Of Agriculture.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Robert Davis Carey, former governor of Wyoming and present chairman of the President's agricultural fact finding commission, appeared today a likely selection for the secretaryship of agriculture after March 4, next.

Although President Coolidge has made no definite decision as to who shall succeed Howard M. Gore, the present secretary, it was made known at the White House that the executive is leaning strongly toward the appointment of Carey.

Under the President's plan, the man who will assume the agricultural portfolio, first will be appointed assistant secretary to enable him to "get his hand in at the job." Therefore if Gov. Carey is Mr. Coolidge's final selection; his appointment to that post may be expected within thirty days.

Carey's duties as chairman of the agricultural commission probably will hold his attention for at least a month. The commission has just reconvened to map out a program of farm aid for submission to congress, and it has been indicated that this work will take until the first of February, at least.

The record of Carey from the agrarians' standpoint is an impressive one. Fifty-six years of age, he has been all his way successful with farm enterprises. From 1919 to 1923, he served as governor of his state. He was graduated from Yale in 1900.

President Coolidge has held numerous conferences with Gov Carey since the latter's assumption of the chairmanship of the agricultural commission and he is well acquainted with the governor's views on the farm problem. The two are agreed in that they regard the present plight of the American farmer as one which fundamentally must right itself through the workings of the economic laws Also Carey is in accord with the President with respect to co-operative marketing, looked on by both as one of the basic principles to be applied to the agricultural problem.

Former Student Shoots Teacher And Kills Himself

MADISON, Wis., Jan. 7.—(By Associated Press.)—F. X. Bernard, 32, of Hibbing, Minn., is dead and Miss Laura B. Palmer, 28, a university romance language instructor, whose home is in La Crosse, Wis., was near death at a hospital as a result of a double shooting today in the receiving room of the French house, occupied by university women students who are taking the romance language course.

Bernard was found lying dead on the floor by Mrs. H. Hanson, a cook at the French house, a moment after she heard the report of a pistol. A bullet hole was in his right temple and a pistol was clutched in his right hand.

Miss Palmer, after being wounded by two bullets, called for help and collapsed in Mrs. Hanson's arms.

A letter addressed to "Dear X" found in an inside pocket of Bernard's coat which lay on the davenport in the receiving room, has been seized by the police, and it is said, will play an important part in the investigation of the tragedy.

The letter was signed "Lovingly," but police declined to make known the name with which the missive closed. They said, however, that it was written in a feminine hand, and said in effect that the writer was now back at school after the holidays, and that "everything is going fine." (The writer also informed "Dear X" that she was teaching 8 and 9 o'clock classes this coming semester.

Milwaukee Railroad Faces Receivership

BULLETIN.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—(By Associated Press).—Early legislative action toward reducing interest charges on government loans to the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad will be necessary to prevent a receivership of that property by June 1, the senate interstate commerce committee was told today by Alfred P. Thome, counsel for the Association of Railway Executives.

Fights Dogs And Is Burned To Death

CHARLESTON, W Va., Jan. 7.—(By Associated Press.)—Attacked by three dogs at her home yesterday Mrs. Sarah Whittaker, 70, was fatally burned when her clothing caught fire from a stove while she was fighting off the dogs.

Ladd Challenges Policies Of Party That Booted Him

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—(By Associated Press.)—Senator Ladd of North Dakota, one of the four insurgent republican senators read out of the party councils by the republican senate conference, has thrown down the gauntlet to the regular party forces with a challenge of their leadership and an arraignment of their policies as subversive of the true principles of republicanism.

In a sharply phrased and lengthy address in the senate late yesterday, the North Dakota senator assailed the "would-be" leaders of his party as arrogantly setting themselves up as judges of party loyalty.

Asserting the "camp-followers of the old republican party have become the vanguard of the new republican party," Senator Ladd declared that if to "be a republican" meant he must subscribe to a party policy of surrender to "financial buccaneers" and "tariff magnates," he could not "qualify."

His assault on the regular party forces drew a defense of the senate conference action taken at his instance, from Senator Edge of New Jersey, who declared the test of party loyalty was in the support of the party candidate for President.

Senator Borah, republican of Idaho, then injected a little merriment into the discussion by instancing the vote of "several senators" to override the President's veto of the postal pay bill as an "example" of party loyalty, and asked "what is the test."

Reference by Senator Ladd to the Roosevelt bolt and return to the party brought the concession from Senator Edge that republicans would welcome Senator Ladd back into the party if the reference was an indication of "your plans to march in line in the future."

Steck Files His Contest Tomorrow

Special To The Gazette.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—After a conference with Senator Robinson of Arkansas, minority leader of the senate, late today, Daniel F. Steck and his attorney, James M. Parsons, decided to formally file the contest petition against Senator Brookhart with the senate Thursday. The petition, which is lengthy, will set out all the claims previously made by Steck against the legality of Brookhart's election. A copy will be filed with the secretary of the senate by Attorney Parsons.

No action on the document will be taken before the next congress meets, and it is Mr. Parsons intention to file a similar notice of contest with the secretary of the senate early in March, following the adjournment of the present session. Steck and Parsons intend to leave for their homes in Ottumwa and Des Moines some time tomorrow, but will be represented here by some Washington attorney yet to be selected.

The two contests against Brookhart, with Luther A. Brewer, of Cedar Rapids, and Steck as the complainants, may be heard simultaneously by the senate committee on privileges and elections, it was indicated today. It was asserted, however, that Brewer's contest was in no way connected with Steck's. Mr. Brewer is still in Washington, but has made no further move in his contest beyond the formal filing of notice with the secretary of the senate yesterday.

Dial Withdraws His Tongue Lashing Of Democratic Party

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—(By Associated Press.)—After a tongue lashing by leaders of his party in the senate, Senator Dial, democrat, South Carolina, today withdrew from the senate record the address he made last Saturday blaming democrat members of congress for the party's defeat last November.

"I did not realize that the speech was offensive to anybody," said Senator Dial, interrupting an appeal by his South Caroline colleague, Senator Smith, that the address be stricken from the record.

"I was speaking on the general trend of the democratic party," said Mr. Dial. "If it was offensive I withdraw it.

Previously, when he had sought to withdraw only a portion of the speech, Senator Dial had been assailed by Senator Robinson, the party floor leader

He then said he only wished to withdraw those remarks which seemed to infer that the democrats lost the election "because they ought to have lost," and those which referred to "political sabotage."

Mason City Picks Lawyer For Mayor

MASON CITY, Jan. 7.—(By Associated Press).—Lowell L. Forbes, young attorney here and retiring commander of the American Legion, was selected this morning as Mason City's mayor to fill out the term of Mayor J H McGhee who succumbed to smallpox last week. Mr Forbes is a graduate of the law college of the University of Iowa and is widely known in American Legion circles.

LINKS DEATH OF RELATIVE WITH 'ORPHAN' CASE

Judge Olson Seeks Investigation Of Sudden Demise Of His Brother.

CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—(By Associated Press.)—The investigation of the death of William Nelson McClintock, "millionaire orphan," caused by typhoid fever, according to pathologists who examined his exhumed body, today was extended into an inquiry into the death of Dr. Oscar Olson, his physician, three years ago, as a result of testimony by Harry Olson, chief justice of the municipal court, at the coroner's inquest yesterday.

Judge Olson, who instigated the investigation of McClintock's death, demanded the exhumation and examination of the body of Dr. Olson, his brother, who was visited, he said, a short time before his death by William D. Shepherd, foster father of McClintock and principal heir to his $1,500,000 fortune.

In his new story to the coroner's jury, Judge Olson declared that the death of his brother occurred under circumstances demanding scientific inquiry; that the death in 1909 of Mrs. McClintock, mother of the "millionaire orphan" occurred in such a manner as to cause him to refuse to be a pallbearer at her funeral, and that the state's attorney had not followed the case of McClintock's death as scrupulously as was warranted.

Calls Story Lie.

The inquest, which was expected to close yesterday, was continued at Judge Olson's request until January 10 when it was announced "any witnesses that any one wishes to subpoena will be heard." Mr. Shepherd, who was resting in Albuquerquo, N. M., when the inquiry was begun, in a letter read a statement there last night in which he called Judge Olson's story "lies" and "buncomb."

Robert H. Stoll, his new partner here, said Shepherd would return to Chicago to institute legal proceedings against Judge Olson, who was attempting, he said, "to assassinate the character of a man against whom he has had a grudge for twenty years."

When Shepherd visited Dr. Olson he brought him some fruit and was alone in his room for several minutes, Judge Olson said. The cause of the death was given as heart disease, caused by ptomaine poisoning. He also cast reflections on the authenticity of young McClintock's will made last April a short time after he became of age. The probated will left the entire estate to Shepherd, with the exception of an $8,000 annuity to Miss Isabelle Pope, who waited at McClintock's death bed with a license to marry him. He read a long statement obtained from Miss Pope, he said in three conferences with her. She recently told State's attorneys that she had been requested not to visit the Shepherd home, where McClintock died, and said the foster-parents were cool toward her after they found she hoped to marry McClintock at once.

Charges that the prosecutors had taken the inquiry as a joke were not replied to by the state's attorneys, who said they would forbear comment until Judge Olson "was through telling his story."

More Social Bombs To Be Exploded By Mrs. Edna J. Scott

ALPENA, Mich., Jan. 7.—(By Associated Press.) — "Tell them at Washington that I haven't begun yet," said Mrs. Edna James Scott today in commenting on reports that her testimony in the divorce suit of her husband, Congressman Frank D. Scott, had aroused considerable speculation and some alarm in Washington society. Mrs. Scott will leave soon for Washington to take additional depositions, permission for such action having been given yesterday by Judge Frank Emerick when he adjourned the suit until March 10.

Mr Scott today charged that his wife had tried to ruin him and his career.

"She has tried in every way to bring our affairs before the public," he said. "She refused settlement after settlement because I would not give her $15,000 I did not have the money, or I would have paid it."

Mrs. Scott told of her friendships in Washington.

"My friends were many in Washington," she said. "I often entertained the Princess Kalanianole of Honolulu, in my apartment for dinner, as well as her husband, the prince, who died in 1921. She was charming I also entertained Brig. Gen. William Mitchell and many congressmen and their wives.

"I tried in every day to entertain and have people there. Mr. Scott did not mix as well as I thought he should and there were certain persons I thought he should meet socially I tried in every way to help him I did not want this to come out. This blackens my reputation, it ruins me even more than it does him I am more of the victim, but I can not let Mr Scott divorce me when I have done no wrong."

TO VOTE ON SHOALS BILL

WASHINGTON, Jan 7.—(By Associated Press.) — The senate will vote at 4 p. m tomorrow on the Underwood bill, the crux of the Muscle Shoals leasing fight.

BIG ROBBERY PULLED ON LOCAL ROAD

BULLETIN.

CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—(By International News.)—The loot taken from the Chicago and North Western train No. 12, which was robbed some time Monday night between Omaha and Chicago, will amount to between $370,000 and $500,000, post office inspectors admitted here today.

Report of the robbery of the North Western mail car which arrived here at 3:10 p. m. Monday was printed exclusively in The Evening Gazette yesterday.

This car, postal officials said, was sealed at Omaha and was not opened until the train arrived at Chicago. The seal was not disturbed and it is believed the bandits entered the car with a coach key.

The same car was looted several months ago by Newton Marority and two companions. He was arrested here and is serving a six months sentence at Marion. The other two men escaped when the local police surprised the trio.

CAR WAS LOCKED

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Jan. 7.—(By Associated Press.) — The North Western mail car reported robbed between Omaha and Chicago, might have been entered at any place it was unlocked for storage of mail, according to local postal officials. It was not unlocked here, however, and because the mail was light the day of the robbery, it is not believed it was unlocked at Missouri Valley or Boone, the next stops. This leads local officers to believe entry was made at Omaha, where the car was loaded. Amount of the loss is not known here.

RIFFS TO POISON WATER.

PARIS, Jan. 7.—Abdel Krim, chieftain of the rebellious Riff tribes in Morocco, has sent a letter in reply to Tangier unless the Spanish abandon the gas warfare against the tribesmen.

BURBANK SUIT PUT OF TILL TOMORROW

To Resume Effort To Make Sureties Cover Loss In Closed Bank; State To Open Case Later.

DES MOINES, Jan. 7.—(By Associated Press.)—Another postponement in the district court suit filed by W. J. Burbank, former state treasurer, against sureties for $284,000 of state money held by the defunct United State bank, was announced when Judge Lester Thompson's court opened today. The hearing which has been continued from last Friday, was delayed until tomorrow.

George Cosson, former attorney general, representing Mr. Burbank, contended that payment should be made immediately by the sureties involved, while the sureties resisted the demand in order that their right to subrogation of the state's preference in the liquidation might be established.

Attorney General Ben J. Gibson, representing Robert Leach, state superintendent of banking, as receiver for the bank, submitted arguments that the new banking laws did not provide preference for state money in bank liquidations and that therefore the sureties should pay over the state cash and take their chances of reimbursement along with private depositors in the defunct bank.

The outcome of this case is remotely associated with the proposed suit by the state against Mr. Burbank and other surety concerns which have failed to pay to the treasury approximately $1,000,000 of state cash covered by their depository bonds in the United State, the Commercial Savings and the Mechanics Savings banks, all of which have suspended business, and the Central Trust company, a solvent concern.

The state's suit, being prepared by the attorney general, probably will not be filed for several days, or until time has been given the sureties to reply to the notice of suit as to their intended action.

In a statement on the proposed suit against himself and the sureties, issued last night by Mr. Burbank, the former treasurer declared the companies "should be compelled to pay promptly or their charters to do business in Iowa revoked."

World Court Up In Senate Next Week

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—(By Associated Press)—President Coolidge's proposal for American adherence to the world court will be taken up next Wednesday by the senate foreign relations committee.

Navy Appropriation Reported To Pass

WASHINGTON, Jan 7.—(By Associated Press.)—The $289,000,000 annual naval appropriation bill and the $157,000,000 deficiency measure, the first of the session were reported today by the senate appropriations committee.

COUNTY FINDS NEW CLUES IN SHOOTING CASE

Railroad Man Heard Shots Near Scene Of Jack Schrader Tragedy.

(CEDAR RAPIDS NEWS)

New clues in the mysterious death of Armstrong J. Schrader, believed by officials to have been murdered New Year's eve, were being run down by County Attorney W. J. Barngrover and Sheriff Thomas Avery today, while the grand jury, which yesterday began a probe of the case, took up other matters. County Attorney Barngrover intimated that he may have important evidence, in solution of the mystery when he summons witnesses before the grand jury again—probably tomorrow or Friday.

Shooting heard New Year's eve in the neighborhood of the Mt. Calvary cemetery, across the road from which Schrader's body was found, has taken on a new character from that of New Year's revelers as a result of the tragedy.

Supporting the theory that two shots were fired at Schrader, was the statement obtained this forenoon from Burl Clayton, switchman, living at 326 First avenue west, who said he heard two shots, one louder than the other, from the direction of the M. J. Curless home, near which Schrader's body was found.

Clayton was standing on the loading platform of the LaPlant-Choate company where the crew of which he is a member was switching cars.

May Have Been More Shots.

"I'm sure I heard two shots," he said. "My foreman, Earl Colby, thought he heard more It was just about midnight and we remarked on why whoever was shooting [illegible] man, and her mother-in-law, testified at the coroner's inquest that they heard shooting New Year's eve, but thought it a part of the annual celebration, have qualified their statement to hearing only two shots and those close to the house, one louder than the other.

In contradiction to the theory that Schrader was shot, or killed himself, about midnight, is the belief of several officials and others that he died earlier in the night—possibly several hours before midnight. The place is a lonely one, few persons pass there at night and if they saw the body, might not have recognized it as such.

Three witnesses were examined by the grand jury yesterday afternoon in its initial probe—Dr. E. E. Stanley, optometrist and gun expert; Mrs. Schrader and Mrs. Curless.

Mrs. La Donna Schrader, 24-year-old widow of the dead man, was the most severely grilled by the grand jury, judging by the time she was kept before that body. She was called at 2:25 and released at 3:50, being called again later for a few additional questions after the jury had quizzed her mother, Mrs. M. J. Curless.

But Mrs. Schrader appeared as calm and composed when she left the jury room as when she entered Her face was perhaps a trifle drawn under the strain of the grilling, but if she showed any unusual emotion when she saw the blood-stained garments of her husband which were on exhibit before the jurors, she showed no signs of it when she emerged to the corridor. She had removed her hat, showing her bobbed brown hair, in which there were receding traces of a marcelle.

May Call Her Again.

Mrs. Schrader after getting a drink at the fountain in the corridor, walked to the bench and waited patiently until excused at 5 p. m. by County Attorney W. J. Barngrover, who told her she could return to work, but might be called later.

Mrs. Curless was questioned for a little more than half an hour, but whether or not anything different from that which she had testified at the coroner's inquest was learned, is not known. It is believed that both Mrs. Curless and her daughter re-told their story of Schrader's abuse leading up to his wife's suit for divorce filed in November.

E. E. Stanley, local optometrist and expert on firearms, who testified at the inquest, was the first witness before the jury.

James Daly, a neighbor of the Curless' and one of the first to arrive on the scene when Agnes and Junior Heiss discovered Schrader's frozen body on New Year's day, had been summoned as a witness but was not called. Daly, Mr. Curless, Lawrence Kohl and others may be called for this afternoon or later in the week.

Ask Coolidge Who Has Kicked On Gun Elevation For Navy

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—(By Associated Press.)—President Coolidge was asked today by the senate what protests had been made by foreign governments against elevation of guns on American battleships.

Without debate the senate adopted a resolution of inquiry by Senator Gerry, democrat, Rhode Island, favorably reported only a few minutes before by the foreign relations committee.