

THINK DR. CHAS. THOM IS IN THE WAR ZONE

Acquaintances Of Man Charged With Bigamy Believe He Is With Ambulance Field Service At Verdun

A number of Beatrice parties who were acquainted with Dr. Charles Thom, alias Montgomery, wanted here on a charge of bigamy, read with interest an article, "Getting Out the Wounded," dealing with the American Ambulance field service at Verdun, written by Will Irwin, the well known war correspondent.

The article deals with the experiences of the members of the ambulance field service, all of whom are Americans, who have distinguished themselves in the Verdun vicinity in caring for the wounded.

The article speaks of a Charlie Toms, who has been with the ambulance service "ever since the lined locked on the Yser, and who is now mechanic for Section 4. It is his business to repair the ambulances whenever and wherever they go bad. During the very hottest days of Verdun a car broke its axle. Toms brought up a spare axle on another ambulance, which started forward for wounded. Just then the Germans began to shell that position. Working fast and feverishly he made repairs. He took the wheel and started the car. It began to back up. He realized at once his mistake. He had put in the differentials backward!

"The car could not be abandoned, because it had a load of wounded. And the shells began to come nearer. Doubtless the average European would have heroically re-changed that axle under fire. But Toms is an American.

"Boys," he said, "we've got to run this blamed car home backward!"

He stood facing the body, and

worked the steering wheel with his hands behind his back. He put Rockwell on the step to man the gas and brake. The horn had been shot to pieces; therefore, the regular driver stood on a rear mud-guard to blow a whistle and curse cannons out of the way. So they ran for twenty miles or more, the French army gaping or laughing at them as they passed. But they got their wounded back unhurt."

Parties in this city who knew Thom intimately are of the opinion that the party referred to in the Irwin article is none other than the Thom, alias Montgomery, whose escapades in Oklahoma landed him in the penitentiary for murder, from which prison he was later paroled, which parole was followed by a pardon. Thom is alleged to have several wives from whom he neglected to secure a divorce before again embarking on the matrimonial sea. He is wanted here on a charge of bigamy filed against him in this county.

Following the filing of the complaint, a search was made for him throughout the country but he has not been heard from since he left Beatrice several years ago. He has had some medical experience and was also a natural mechanic, and those who know him best assert that, being of a roving disposition and ever eager for excitement, in their opinion, he lost no time in crossing the big pond for England and entered the ambulance field service soon after the war broke out. At least, until they hear to the contrary, they cannot help but believe that the Gage county boy is the party referred to by Irwin.

Uncle Sam Still Has 250,000,000 Acres to Give Away

Washington, Sept. 7.—A quarter of a billion acres of public land remain in the United States to be taken over by homeseekers, Secretary of the Interior Lane announced today.

In twenty-five states, from California to Michigan and Florida to Washington, public domains are scattered and ready to be opened. All but 2,290,000 acres lies in the far west, Nevada, with 55,375,077 acres, contains the largest area. A dozen of the western states contain over 254,945,589 acres.

Ninety-two million acres are unsurveyed.

Of the twenty-five states containing public lands, Missouri has the least, 952 acres in sixteen counties. A summary of the land:

Alabama, 42,680; Arizona, 23,597,219; Arkansas, 402,219; California, 20,025,999; Colorado, 14,908,127; Florida, 135,237; Idaho, 15,310,561; Kansas, 56,018; Louisiana, 44,804; Michigan, 90,540; Minnesota, 789,804; Mississippi, 30,374; Missouri, 952; Montana, 16,649,725; Nebraska, 146,256; Nevada, 55,375,077; New Mexico, 26,338,379; North Dakota, 381,199; Oklahoma, 55,250; Oregon, 15,378,809; South Dakota, 2,382,588; Utah, 32,968,837; Washington, 1,132,571; Wisconsin, 5,872; Wyoming, 28,528,492; total 254,945,589.

MOTORMEN REFUSE CALL TO QUIT WORK

Great Transportation Strike Fails to Materialize ---Motormen on Subway and L Lines Refuse Call and Run on Regular Schedule

New York, Sept. 7.—Despite strike orders designed to effect 18,000 employees on the subway, elevated and New York railways—the last being surface cars—and thus tie up traffic in New York, normal service continued today.

Strike leaders admit that motormen on the subway and L lines refused the call and were running on regular schedule, they doing a large

amount of the business.

Great Transportation Strike Called.

New York, Sept. 7.—The greatest transportation strike in the history of eastern cities, which strike leaders declared would tie up all traffic in New York City today, has been called.

Employees of the surface car companies have also called a strike and few cars were in operation early today.

PERSHING NOW HURRYING BACK

On Way to Field Quarters Following Advice That Villa is Drawing Near

El Paso, Sept. 7.—General Pershing, acting on the suggestion of General Funston, is reported to be hurrying back to field quarters from Columbus, N. Mex., following information received by officers here that Villa with 1,500 men fully supplied with arms and ammunition is less than one hundred miles from the American outpost.

It has been rumored that Villa, in defiance of Carranza, will sacrifice part of his force by sending them against the American expeditionary post.

Allies Discussing More Drastic Peace Terms Than Ever

Washington, Sept. 7.—The allies are discussing among themselves more drastic peace terms than ever before toward Germany. Some of these demands are:

Ceding to England of Heligoland neutralizing of the Kiel canal, and demolishing of some of the strongest fortresses on the German border.

In order to break the power of centralized Germany, it is said they favor offering lenient peace terms to the countries joining Germany.

The question now is not how soon Germany can be conquered, but how thoroughly.

This was learned by the United Press today from officials close to the allies.

Heligoland, the great German naval base, was purchased from England several years ago and has been fortified until it is almost impregnable.

* **WEATHER FORECAST.** *
* Fair tonight and Friday; *
* somewhat cooler tonight. *
* Temperature at 8 o'clock 71. *
* Temperature at 3 o'clock 77. *

Find Starving Stranger Under Platform At Wymore

An old man, whose name could not be learned, was discovered Wednesday afternoon under the platform of the Burlington freight depot at Wymore. The man was in a starving condition and from all indications, had been without food and water for some time.

The man had evidently become sick and crawled under the platform where he was found yesterday by one of the Burlington yard employees. He was unable to speak and so weak from lack of food, that he could not stand on his feet. He was taken to the City hotel, where a physician was summoned and he was given nourishment. His condition is reported as serious and chances for his recovery are slight.

The man had nothing on his person to indicate his identity. He is about sixty-five or seventy years of age and had not been seen around Wymore until he was found by the Burlington employee under the platform.

Y. W. Bible Class Will Resume Study And Luncheons

The Business Women's Bible class will begin their regular meetings at the Y. W. C. A. rooms tomorrow evening. The usual ten-cent luncheon will be served by the Big Sisters' committee at 6 o'clock.

Should it be impossible for some to come for the luncheon let them come later—6:45 or 7 o'clock—and hear the good things that will be interesting to all. Plans for the fall and winter months will be announced and best of all the Lake Geneva delegates, who are bubbling over with good things, will be heard.

All interested friends are cordially invited and especially every business woman and girl, including business college students. An enthusiastic meeting and good social time is in store for all who come.

Place: Y. W. C. A. rooms. Time: 6 to 8 o'clock Friday.
Belle Grove No. 75 Woodmen Circle, will meet in regular session Friday evening at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to be present. Initiation and refreshments.

TEUTONS SCORE GREAT VICTORY IN BALKANS

Strongly Fortified Roumanian Village of Tutra-kan, Blocking Way to Capital, is Captured By Germans and Bulgarians

London, Sept. 7.—German and Bulgarian forces have scored the greatest victory in the Balkans since Roumania entered the war seven days ago. The strongly fortified Roumanian village of Tutra-kan on the Danube, blocking the way to the capital, has been captured and with it more than half a Roumanian army corps.

The loss of Tutra-kan was officially admitted by Russia this afternoon and claimed in German reports.

The Russians are pressing in on Hultz and have forced the Austrians back to the city gates. Hultz is under heavy bombardment and is in flames.

Russians Bombard Hultz.

Petrograd, Sept. 7.—Russian artillery is bombarding the Galician city of Hultz, sixty miles southeast of Lemberg. Hultz is said to be the keystone of Galician defenses from the south. A report received today says the city of Hultz is in flames.

Roumanians Evacuate City.
Petrograd, Sept. 7.—The Roumanians have evacuated the town of Tutra-kan on the Danube river, thirty-three miles south of Bucharest under pressure of superior forces of Germans and Bulgarians.

French Gain.

Paris, Sept. 7.—In one of the most successful counter-attacks since the German successes in the Verdun region, the French last night captured one hundred fifty yards of German trenches, extending from Vaux Chaptre to Chenol wood, northeast of Verdun.

The war office announces the capture of 250 men and ten machine guns.

Germans Repulsed.

London, Sept. 7.—In fierce hand-to-hand fighting last night German forces that attacked the British in Leuze wood near Cumblies under cover of darkness, were driven back, leaving several prisoners in British hands, General Haig reported today.

Senators Debate Owens' Corrupt Practice Bill

Washington, Sept. 6.—While the senate was waiting today on the revenue bill conferees, the Owen corrupt practices bill was taken up and made the vehicle for several hours of acrimonious political debate. Democrats and republicans indulged in person exchanges and regaled their fellow senators with accounts of campaign contributions and the rewards given some contributors in the past. The vote to take up the bill was 32 to 14, nine republicans voting with the majority to consider the measure and seven democrats voting against it. Senator Owen, its author, tonight cancelled a speaking engagement before the Ohio democratic convention to remain here and fight for its adoption. It probably will be taken up again before noon tomorrow and the Oklahoma senator intends to keep it before the senate until a vote is secured, or what is more probable, adjournment is forced by the leaders.

Furnish Day of Excitement

Senator Curtis of Kansas, republican and Ashurst of Arizona, democrat, furnished the excitement of the day's debate in an interchange which looked for a few minutes as if it might result in a physical encounter.

The bill would restrict campaign expenditures of candidates for the senate, the house and for the presidency and vice presidency to a greater extent than existing law.

Two amendments to the bill were proposed, one by Senator Brady to postpone the effective date of the act until January 1, 1917, two months after election, was approved. The other, offered by Senator Jones to make it a felony for any manufacturer of intoxicating liquor to contribute to a campaign fund, was not acted upon.

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Congress In Session Until End Of Week

Washington, Sept. 6.—Plans of administration leaders to adjourn congress tomorrow night were abandoned tonight when the conference committee on the emergency revenue bill indicated that it could not reach agreement until some time tomorrow at the earliest. The report may not be ready before Friday, delaying adjournment until Saturday. Senator Simmons chairman of the senate conferees, said he believed an agreement would be reached in time for presentation to the house tomorrow, soon after it meets at noon.

But the revenue bill is not all that is delaying adjournment. In the senate a filibuster has developed against the passage of the corrupt practices act and various senators are clamoring for consideration of minor bills. The general deficiency bill is held up in conference until a report on the revenue measure has been made. Leaders of both houses also expect that general debate on the revenue bill conference report will occupy many hours.

No Adjournment Before Saturday

Senator Kern the majority leader, said he did not look for adjournment before Saturday.

State Examiner Clayton No Longer On Pay Roll

Lincoln, Sept. 7.—State Examiner C. S. Clayton, of Wisner, is no longer on the state pay roll. Insurance Commissioner Eastham today stated that Mr. Clayton has been borrowing money of the heads of insurance companies which his duties oblige him to examine and that he has tried to put boosts of some of these companies in his reports.

Al Cook Of Barneston Killed In Runaway

Al Cook, a well known resident of Barneston, was almost instantly killed about 7 o'clock last evening at the W. Y. Brown farm southeast of Barneston when a team of mules he was driving attached to a load of hay ran away.

He was assisting Mr. Brown in putting up hay and was topping a load when the mules ran away. As the team started he jumped from the load and struck the ground on his head, fracturing his skull. When the men working with him reached his side he was in an unconscious condition and blood was flowing from his ears and nose. Dr. Woods of Barneston was summoned but Mr. Cook died before he could reach the Brown farm.

The body was taken to Barneston by Dr. Wood and Coroner Reed and Sheriff Acton were immediately summoned. It is not probable however that an inquest will be held.

The deceased had been a resident of Barneston for many years and was about forty years of age. A widow and several children survive him.

T. K. Best Dies At Home In Illinois

News of the death of T. K. Best which occurred at Freeport, Ill., was received here yesterday. He was well known here having at one time owned considerable Beatrice property, included in which was what is now the Woodward building at the corner of Fifth and Court streets.

He was eighty years of age and came to this country from Ireland when but a youth.

Financial Aid For Mexico Will Be Considered

New London, Conn., Sept. 7.—Extensive financial aid for Mexico will be one of the vital problems of the Mexican commission. Every effort is being made to avoid anything that looks like benevolence, but if any sign indicates stability of the Mexican government, the United States will lend moral support in a big Mexican loan.

Officials are hopeful of good results from this commission.

Saloonist Assaults Attorney Who Prosecuted Him

Grand Island, Neb., Sept. 6.—Harm Shank, a saloon keeper of Silver Creek, and paroled by Governor Aldrich ten days after he was sentenced from Polk for arson, late yesterday, in front of his saloon at Silver Creek, assaulted Governor Aldrich's cousin, Attorney W. A. Prince of this city, and the latter is today confined to his home as a consequence.

Harold Prince, son of the attorney was also assaulted by Tom Dyer, a bartender for Shank, but when he saw that his father and himself were in a gang of about eight men with apparently no one to come to their assistance, he feigned unconsciousness and was possibly spared a more severe beating.

The elder Prince was rendered unconscious by a blow from Shank on the back of the head while the attorney was passing the saloon. Shank struck Prince, after applying a vile epithet and grabbing Prince by the arm.

Prince was an assistant in the prosecution for Polk county at the time of Shank's conviction on the charge of arson, and it is said that Shank has made many threats against the attorney ever since.

After his parole by Governor Aldrich there was a remonstrance from the people of Polk county and Governor Morehead recalled the parole.

It is said that Shank has considerable political influence at Silver Creek. Shank, so far as known, has now been out about three years. It was the first time he ever met the attorney.

Santa Fe Will Not Obey Provisions Of Adamson Bill

St. Paul, Sept. 7.—The Great Northern railroad will scrupulously obey the provisions of the Adamson eight-hour bill. This announcement, coming in the face of the Santa Fe's announcement that it will obey none of the provisions, seems to substantiate the report that either the Great Northern or the Santa Fe would be chosen by the railroads to test the constitutionality of the law.

The Santa Fe has been chosen, probably because of its strength in legal affairs.

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