

LOYAL TROOPS ARE AFTER REBELS IN THE OIL DISTRICT

Federal Soldiers Have Taken Ozuluama—Linares Seized For Short While by the Rebels.

PORT OF SALINA CRUZ ALSO HELD

Forces Which Attacked the Towns Are Directing the Movement Now Against City of Santa Lucrecia.

(By the Associated Press.) Tampico, Jan. 24.—Federal forces engaged in driving the rebel bands out of the oil district have taken the town of Ozuluama in the Huasteca region. The rebels yesterday took possession of Linares between Monterey and Ciudad Victoria, but the Federal column sent from regained the town. More than fifty rebels were killed in the engagement.

It is expected that rail service between Tampico and Monterey will be resumed within a few days.

Rebels Hold Port of Salina Cruz.

Vera Cruz, Jan. 22 (delayed)—By radio via Dallas News—By the Associated Press)—The port of Salina Cruz is in the power of the revolutionists. It was attacked by General Enrique Brena, aided by the gunboat Progresso. The capture gave the rebels complete control of the Pacific coast from the State of Jalisco southward.

The forces which attacked Salina Cruz have commenced a movement against Santa Lucrecia, and have been reinforced between this town and San Gerónimo. The combined forces will attack Santa Lucrecia, which is an important railway trunk line station, still held by the Obregon forces under General Gomez.

The situation along the Vera Cruz-Oaxaca front continued unchanged.

Mexicans Get Vessel.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 24.—Mexican naval officers under a commission from the Obregon government, have arrived in Philadelphia to take south a vessel for the purpose of patrolling the coast. The Mexican consular officials at this time arrived today and some of them were later found at a hotel. There were eight men in the party and strict secrecy was observed by all of them.

Oregon Changes Headquarters.

El Paso, Jan. 24.—President Obregon was forced to return to Aguas Calientes yesterday when he attempted a trip to Celaya and now is gathering his forces in an attempt to cut through the rebel troops holding Celaya, an important railway junction, advised received in Jaures today state.

Oregon left his field headquarters at Penjamo on Monday, it is said, and went to Aguas Calientes for the purpose of meeting the Kaqui troops en route to the eastern sector.

The men left Jaures Monday and were being hurried to the south in order to reinforce the Federal armies.

President Obregon, the advice state, attempted to return to Celaya on Wednesday in order that he not only be in touch with the western sector, but the fighting in the east as well. The President's special hurriedly returned to Aguas Calientes when it was learned that Estrada's cavalry had cut the railway at Celaya, and troops now are being concentrated in the hopes of cutting through.

GOV. MORRISON BLOCKS BOOKS ON EVOLUTION

Has State Board of Education to Reject Two Biology Texts Account of Monkey Theory.

Raleigh, Jan. 23.—Upon insistence of Governor Morrison, the state board of education today rejected from the report of the text book commission two recommended texts on biology, because of their teachings concerning evolution. The rejected texts were Trafton's "Biology of Home and Community" and "One of them taught that man is descended from a monkey and the other that man is a cousin to the monkey," said Governor Morrison, expressing his opposition to any theory of evolution that involves a missing link.

Fifty Thousand Dollar Fire at Kittrell.

Henderson, N. C., Jan. 24.—Fire of undetermined origin last night destroyed the offices, warehouse and hot houses of the Continental Plant Company, at Kittrell, six miles from here. The loss is estimated at \$50,000, probably half covered by insurance.

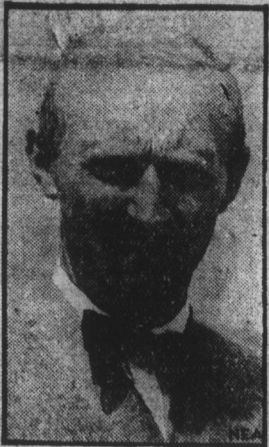
Russian Plot Discovered.

(By the Associated Press.) London, Jan. 24.—An agency dispatch from Constantinople reports the discovery of an extensive conspiracy of Russian communists. Many arrests were said to have been made.

SAT'S BEAR SAYS

Rain tonight and probably Friday morning; no change in temperature.

Cool



Captain Anton Heinen (above) of Germany, was the pilot aboard the Shenandoah when the ship broke loose. His cockpit is visible through the window of the dirigible. Heinen is seen in the picture below, with the crew of the Shenandoah.

KIWANIS TRUSTEES TO MEET

Conference to Be Held at Pinehurst on Friday, January 25th.

(By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 24.—Trustees of the Kiwanis Clubs of the Carolina District will meet with the lieutenant governors and chairmen of the various committees at Pinehurst on Friday, January 25th for a conference at which the advancement of the Kiwanis Club in this district will be discussed and planned. Harry T. Adams, District Governor of the Carolina Kiwanis Clubs, will preside.

Governor Adams stated that there are now 50 clubs in the Carolina district and that three additional clubs have been started since the first of the year. New clubs have recently been formed at Bennettsville, S. C., and Raeford, N. C., while the Raleigh Kiwanis Club has sponsored a new club at Warrenton, it was stated.

According to Governor Adams, a number of important matters looking to the future advancement of the Kiwanis will be discussed at the Pinehurst meeting. The lieutenant governors will meet with the district governor at this time. John D. Duffy, Sumner, S. C.; Richard T. Ferrell, Rock Hill, S. C.; William A. French, Wilmington, N. C.; and Felix Harvey, Kinston, N. C.

Governor Adams stated that a new lieutenant governor had been appointed for the western section of North Carolina and that his name will be made public at the meeting in Pinehurst.

ATTORNEY GENERAL IS CALLED TO WHITE HOUSE

Just What President Coolidge Wanted Is Not Known Now.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 24.—Attorney General Daugherty was summoned to the White House today for conference with President Coolidge, but there was nothing to indicate whether any change had taken place in the administration policy of merely observing the Teapot Dome investigation in its present phase. It was declared by Department of Justice officials that the President wanted to talk over various things with Mr. Daugherty who expected to leave for a day or two for an indefinite stay in Florida.

Post and Flag Cotton Letter.

New York, Jan. 23.—Notwithstanding a gloomy report somewhere in excess of current expectation the action of the market suggested sold out condition and that there were more waiting to buy than to sell if the figures proved large. The effect of the report was offset to some extent by a more favorable view of foreign conditions and still more by continued bullish spot advices. The report is in running bales and the trade is not sure how much will be lost when the figures are reduced to standard weights as private advices are that the bales are running light especially those which have passed through the gins recently. The weather has not been favorable for preparations but not much stress is laid on that though if there is not a change for the better presently the trade will begin to feel somewhat anxious as an early start is very essential for good results and when the delay may be offset for a time by the favorable season in the soil there must be an opportunity to take advantage of that if it is to count for anything. The lack of activity in the goods markets is the serious drawback and as mills can hardly afford to absorb a much wider spread between goods and raw material it looks essential that some distinct improvement must occur in that section before any sustained important advance can be confidently expected. Rallies like today are apt to improve only local and technical and to fade away as soon as scattered shorts have covered through they look fully warranted by the sound fundamentals on which the market rests.

His First Success.

New York, Jan. 22.—Fred Milford, a restaurant bus boy, by his suicide tonight, made the first success of his life, a letter left by him stated. "If I succeed in the act I am about to attempt," he wrote in his suicide note, "it will be my first success in life, and my last. Life in this world is for men made of sterner stuff than I am." Milford's body was found in his room, a gas jet tube fastened to his mouth by handkerchief.

"According to prevalent ideas, this is a cowardly act," the note concluded. "I offer no excuse. I shall now see what if anything, lies beyond."

Dr. Martin's Removal as President of Davidson College Only Suggested

Mr. John A. Livingston, special writer of the Raleigh News and Observer, writing from Davidson College, has the following in today's issue of that paper:

Davidson, Jan. 23.—Gossip reduced to facts discloses that some weeks ago members of the senior class of Davidson College sent a letter to L. Richardson, Greensboro business man, who is president of the General Alumni Association, suggesting the advisability of replacing President W. J. Martin as head of the Presbyterian institution with what was termed a more progressive man. Gossip had it the petition was to be presented at the meeting of the board of trustees at its meeting in February, but this report was declared today by responsible members of the senior class to be a "—lie." These seniors said the action in sending the letter was hasty, but at that it did not do more than suggest the possibility of a new president.

Boys Bound To Kick

The sending of the letter started rumors that spread across the State but people in the college village haven't got the news yet, and wouldn't be disturbed about it if they had. Boys will be boys and if it isn't muddy streets it's something else, say the villagers. In fact, muddy streets helped to start the movement that culminated in the sending of the letter, which has become a part of the history of the college. Progress has hit the college town, and water and sewerage ditches make the main street of Davidson nearly as muddy as the main street of Durham is in the midst of an improvement season.

Some three years ago a senior class at Davidson College had some differences with President Martin, and they sent a delegation to see him. Students and president sat down to a table and ironed them out. In the present instance several members of the faculty have conferred with the leaders in the senior class, and they seem to have arrived at an agreement that promises to work out all right. The seniors were not asked to shut up and hold their peace but were told to make such investigations of other colleges as they deemed wise and after careful consideration, and they were assured that the college administration stood ready to listen to any just grievance they might have.

Liberty of Opinion.

In following this policy of frank and open discussion, the college authorities were carrying out a Presbyterian rule of allowing to every man the privilege of thinking things out for themselves. It is significant that eighty and seven years ago when the college was founded, its founders chose as its motto: "Let Learning Be Cherished, Where Liberty Has Arisen."

There are 75 members of the senior class and they are a mainly looking set of youngsters. Their leaders look you straight in the eye and talk straight. Once set upon a course they follow the well known Scotch-Irish bent of sticking it out, let come what may.

Today marked the beginning of the mid-term examinations, and it was interesting to make the rounds of the classrooms and find every student placed on his honor not to cheat. They do not abuse this trust, and would be ostracized if they did. Student government here has proven highly successful.

Martin Is Unruffled.

If any one thinks that President William J. Martin is worried about his boys, they do not know the man. He is the coolest and calmest man on the college campus and not in the least disturbed. For 12 years he has been at the helm of the institution and has seen in that time three freshmen classes come to the college and pass out as seniors.

Not a Good Mixer

The worst that they can say about President Martin is that he is lacking in camaraderie with the boys on the college campus, nor does he with friends of the campus. He pursues the even tenor of his way with a friendly word for everyone and no bluster for any occasion. He is as nearly the same yesterday, today and forever, as it is possible for a human being to be. When athletic teams get licked, students can raise a mighty ruck because some star has been kept off the team on account of failing to make the required grades in his studies. That is the Davidson way, and in their calmer moments they know that it is the right way. They berate the president though because no college student likes to see his team lose.

It is likewise the Davidson way to refuse to recognize the offering of special inducements to star athletes to come to this college, even when enthusiastic alumni are ready to go down into their jeans and help pay his expenses in college. Not that Davidson is trying to dictate to anybody, but it just isn't the Davidson way.

Makes Himself Goat

President Martin gets blamed for a lot of things that he doesn't do or that he isn't entitled to be blamed for because as head of college, he conceives one of his duties to be the goat for things that are unpleasant. Another man might do it different, but not so President Martin. It is his way and he does it that way. The spirit of unrest that pervades this old war-cracked world is manifested in the college in the form of a desire for change is rampant. Some of the students here think the institution needs shaking up. They don't know how they can aid much, but they want to do something. This is being met peculiar to Davidson. It is being met with calm and wise counsel, and it is a benediction to a newspaper scribe to come to the quiet shades of a fine old Southern college town and breathe the spirit of restfulness and peace which no doubt falls some times on youngsters who are ready to start out on a crusading mission.

Eleven thousand men and women have contributed to the six hundred thousand dollar fund that has been raised to rebuild the Chambers building, which was burned down, and to the endowment fund. That in itself is a record that insures to this college a continuance that fine pioneer spirit that led to its founding over four score years ago with little to build upon except hope and faith.

SHERIFF LYERLY OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY DEAD

Died From Wounds Alleged by Police to Have Been Self Inflicted.

(By the Associated Press.) Asheville, Jan. 24.—John A. Lyerly, sheriff of Buncombe county, died at a local hospital early today from the effects of a pistol bullet fired into his brain yesterday afternoon, alleged by the police to have been self inflicted. The sheriff had been despondent over ill health and because of the death of his wife last August. Motorcycle policemen found him lying in the county garage at the rear of the court house, clutching a pistol in his hand, and bleeding from his right temple. The county commissioners are expected to appoint a successor to fill out the unexpired term. The funeral will be held Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

PROPOSED CONFERENCE HAS FALLEN THROUGH

Leaders in England's Rail Strike Will Not Hold Conference.

London, Jan. 24 (By the Associated Press).—The proposed conference between the railroad managers and engineers for discussion of issues involved in the present strike has fallen through, and J. Bromley, secretary of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen, announced this afternoon that "he regretted" that the strike must continue.

Dr. Kaupp to Speak at Madison Square Garden.

(By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 24.—Dr. B. F. Kaupp, poultry investigator, and pathologist of North Carolina State College of Agriculture, will address the Educational section of the Madison Square Garden Poultry Show in New York City on Friday evening. Dr. Kaupp's subject will be "Poultry Losses From Preventable Diseases."

This will particularly interest the poultry raisers of this state and many will have the opportunity of hearing Dr. Kaupp speak over the radio at 8 o'clock on Friday evening.

The number of men now employed in the coal mines of Great Britain is 1,184,200.

ANNOUNCE DEFENSE WHICH ANDERSON IS TO OFFER IN TRIAL

Attorneys For the Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League Says Case is Simply One of Bookkeeping.

ADMIT SOME OF THINGS CHARGED

They Admit That Anderson Agreed to Share in Excess Commissions of Phillips, Fund Collector.

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, Jan. 24.—Wm. H. Anderson, exercising the right of his office as Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, made a contract with O. Bertall Phillips, the League fund collector, to share in Phillips' excess commissions. Anderson's attorneys declared today in outlining the defense they would make against the forgery charge on which he is being tried.

Colley Williams, one of the attorneys, said that under this contract Anderson agreed that Phillips would not have to pay income taxes on the moneys turned over to Anderson. He admitted that Anderson, as brought out by the prosecution yesterday, ordered the transfer of one entry of \$4,400 from Phillips' salary account to his hotel and traveling expense account.

The defense, he continued, would prove that the case now before the jury is one purely of book-keeping and that the prosecution had been either badly advised about the mysteries of book-keeping or had proceeded recklessly in making its accusations.

GREAT PROCESSION BEFORE THE BIER OF LENINE

Thousands Pass to Pay Respects to the Former Soviet Ruler.

Moscow, Jan. 24 (By the Associated Press).—The great procession before the bier of Lenin in the House of Unions continued today. From 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon when the doors of the hall were opened until after midnight the wide square on which the building fronts saw a constantly swelling mass of humanity outlined against the snow.

In the early hours of the morning the crowd dwindled, but it was still deep enough to keep the soldiers and police busy, and early this afternoon it had again swelled to its former proportions. Excellent order was maintained.

Among the mourners today were thousands of children from the schools and other institutions, some of them so tiny they had to stand on tiptoe to view the waxen face of the dead premier.

No church bells had been tolled as yet in Lenin's memory, but they will probably ring out on the day of the funeral, as the Holy Synod has formally designated Archbishop's Evdokim's suggestion that Lenin be declared a Christian.

GASTONIA WOOLEN MILLS LATEST TEXTILE BUSINESS

Plant Manufactures a Fabric That Goes Under Leather Covering in Rollers.

Gastonia, Jan. 23.—The Gastonia Woolen mills is the name of the country's newest textile corporation, chartered to spin and weave woolen fabrics. The incorporators are John E. White, K. M. Glass and others. The plant manufactures a fine grade of woolen fabrics that goes under the leather covering on rollers. An essential part of the machinery in a cotton mill, the plant has authorized capital of \$50,000. It is equipped with a number of looms.

This mill is another evidence of the desire on the part of Gaston county manufacturers to diversify their interests. There are some five or six weaving and finishing plants in the county at present.

Club for Boys Organized.

Elizabeth City, Jan. 24.—Two clubs have just been organized in the mill district of this city by Rev. Daniel Lane. The purpose of the clubs is to bring together the youth of the mill district under the direction of a leader who will carry them on hikes, organize athletic teams and in general direct them in the life that is most profitable. The first club is for boys between the ages of six years to twelve years old. The second club is for boys from twelve years and up. Herman Buich was elected captain of the younger boys club and Harold Beleniga was elected assistant captain. The older boys club is headed by Dewey Copeland, as captain, and Walter Kirby as assistant captain.

Dog Leads Way to Bodies.

Rochdale, Mass., Jan. 23.—A wet dog that returned to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Zajack, Greenville, long after supper time last night and refused to be cheered by the prospects of a meal, was the first in a line of dogs that had their souls, Dominick, ten, and Michael, twelve, who had failed to appear, might be drowned.

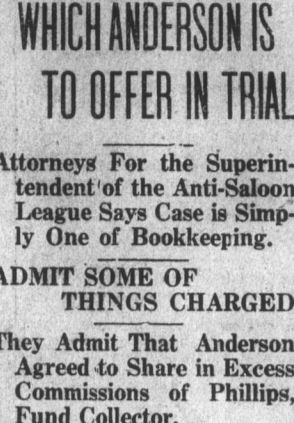
Increase in Auto Output Last Year.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 24.—The output of motor vehicles in the United States during 1923 was placed in a commerce department announcement today at a total of 3,036,592 passenger automobiles, and 376,257 trucks, as compared with 2,339,760 passenger machines and 246,281 trucks in 1922.

Sir Hall Caine Ill.

London, Jan. 24.—Sir Hall Caine, who has suffered during the past few weeks from serious attacks of vertigo, has left for Switzerland on the urgent advice of his physician. Sir Hall was at work on a new novel when the disease became acute.

Close-Up



A close-up view of the mooring mast of the dirigible Shenandoah at Lakehurst, N. J. When the ship broke loose the nose of the ship was ripped off. It is that portion shown in the picture.

WILL BE TWENTY-FOURTH DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

History of the Democratic National Convention—First Held in 1832.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 24.—The convention which meets in New York next June will be the twenty-fourth national assembly of the Democratic party, while the gathering at Cleveland will be only the eighteenth Republican national gathering. But the Democratic party surpasses the Republican in age much more than this difference would indicate. Born in the bank controversy of 1791, christened by Jefferson, its founder, in 1792, the Democratic party passed the century mark in its life more than three decades ago.

Beaten in the first canvass for President in which there was a contest, that of 1796, in which Adams, the Federalist, defeated Jefferson, Democrat, the Democratic party carried the country in 1800 under Jefferson, and controlled it from that time until Buchanan stepped out of power in 1861, except in 1825-26, when the second Adams, National Republican, was President; in 1841-45, in the Whig administration of Harrison Tyler; and in 1849-53, in the Taylor-Palmox administration of the Whigs.

Jackson, for his second term, was the first Democratic President chosen by national convention, and his nomination was certain under any sort of auspices. Nobody else was thought of for President by the Democrats in 1832.

The Democratic convention of 1832 was held in Baltimore, and from that time until within a few years of the civil war Baltimore had the vogue as a convention city which Chicago has enjoyed in later years. Whigs as well as Democrats in those days usually met in the Maryland metropolis. Its nearness to Washington, Philadelphia, New York, Boston, Richmond and Charleston made it a convenient center for rallies of the political forces. The Westward movement of population and business, however, threw Baltimore and the rest of the big cities of the Atlantic seaboard largely out of the running, and the running, and the great quadrennial meeting places of the parties of the past three-quarters of a century have commonly been in the middle West.

No platform was framed by the Democratic convention of 1832, but that body is memorable for another circumstance than that of its being the first national delegate gathering of a great party. It adopted a resolution which recited that "each state be entitled, in the nomination of a candidate for the vice presidency, to a number of votes equal to the number to which they will be entitled in the electoral college under the new apportionment, in voting for President and Vice President; and that two-thirds of the whole number of votes in the convention shall be necessary for a choice." This was the origin of the two-thirds rule for the selection of nominees in Democratic national conventions.

In every other national party, small or large, a majority of votes has sufficed to nominate, but the two-thirds rule was adopted in 1832 in Van Buren's interest, to warn all rivals all the frack and to show that he was a general favorite of his party. And in this connection it is interesting to note that the rule was used in 1844 for Van Buren's overthrow.

With Our Advertisers.

Shoes at \$1.00 a pair at the S. S. Brown Shoe Store. All other stock is especially priced. See the Flint Six with seven-bearing crankshaft at J. C. Blume's Garage. Concord has a new dyeing and cleaning plant, the Eagle Company, 41 E. Corbin street, in the new Grand building. See ad. in this paper. Thomas Smith, agency supervisor, wants a manager for the Concord agency of an old line life insurance company. Address him at 914 Commercial Bank Building, Charlotte.

To Issue Proclamation in Rat Killing Campaign.

Abbeville, S. C., Jan. 23.—Mayor Moore will issue a proclamation within a day or so urging the citizens to assist Miss Ann May Wright of Portsmouth, Va., in conducting a "Rat Killing" campaign this week. Miss Wright claims every person in Abbeville supports two rats at a cost of \$1.32 a year, the town thereby losing \$18,000 each year in this manner. Every one is asked to kill two rats and bring them in as part of the campaign. That sounds fine, but by the time every woman in Abbeville killed her two rats there wouldn't be a whole piece of furniture left in the town.

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MELLON PROGRAM OF TAX REDUCTION IS DEFENDED IN HOUSE

Strong Defense to Plan Offered by Rep. Mills, One of Members of House Ways and Means Committee.

WANTS REDUCTION FOR ALL PEOPLE

Democrats Waiting For Definite Terms of Compromise Which Was Offered Them by the Republicans.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Jan. 24.—Secretary Mellon's program for tax reduction was defended today in the House by Representative Mills, of New York, a republican member of the Ways and Means committee, which is engaged in framing a revenue bill. Mr. Mills argued vigorously for the reduction in surtax rates to a maximum of 25 per cent, as recommended by Mr. Mellon and attacked the Democratic plan to cut surtaxes only to a maximum of 44 per cent, while further reducing normal income rates as "limiting the benefits of tax reduction to three million individuals."

The Mellon plan proposes relief for the small income tax payers, Mr. Mills explained, "but also a reduction of surtaxes on higher incomes not for the benefit of the few individuals who pay them, but because from the standpoint of the United States government they are unproductive and uncollectible and from a standpoint of the welfare and prosperity of all our people uneconomic and harmful."

Miscellaneous Tax Rates Considered. Washington, Jan. 24.—The House Ways and Means committee proceeded today to consideration of the miscellaneous tax rates, leaving the fate of the Mellon proposals for revision of income taxes undetermined, while Democratic members await the definite terms for a compromise which they suggested yesterday when Chairman Green proposed that the committee work out a non-partisan bill.

Memorial Service.

Washington, Jan. 24.—A joint congressional session is planned for next Wednesday, February 27th, as a memorial service for President Harding.

Selected for Shipping Board.

Washington, Jan. 24.—W. S. Hill, banker and farmer, of Mitchell, South Dakota, has been selected by President Coolidge as the representative of the interior states on the shipping board.

Another Consolidation Bill.

Washington, Jan. 24.—A bill designed to stimulate voluntary consolidations of railroads into a limited number of systems with competition preserved as far as possible was introduced today by Senator Cummins, of Iowa, ranking republican member of the Interstate Commerce Committee, and one of the authors of the present transportation act.

Senate Gets Liquor Treaty.

Washington, Jan. 24.—The ship liquor treaty with Great Britain was transmitted to the Senate today by President Coolidge. It was referred to the foreign relations committee.

Coolidge to Make TRIP TO NEW YORK

Washington, Jan. 24.—President Coolidge will leave Washington for the first time since he entered the White House last August when he goes to New York on Lincoln's birthday to speak at the anniversary dinner of the National Republican Club. The address is expected to be the first of a political nature to be made by Mr. Coolidge since he became President.

The executive accompanied by Mrs. Coolidge will leave Washington at noon February 12th, reaching New York about 6 o'clock, to attend the dinner, and will return at midnight.

Puts Milk in Cow's Stall to Welcome a Milk Thief.

Hot Springs, Ark., Jan. 23.—"The guilty flee when no man pursueth," declared Lage Dodd, farmer, Ousathia township, here today. Dodd's cow had been off in here milking and investigation revealed fresh footprints in the vicinity of the cow barn each morning. Dodd switched a particularly disagreeable mule to the stall, transferring the cow to the mule's stable in the barn. The cow milked well the next morning, and Dodd reported to the officers that he found a battered tin pail and torn hat recovered from the stall occupied by the mule, which they might use to connect with the visitor who had been milking his cow.

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