

Bomb Found at Masons' Meet in Lawrence, Mass.

Infernal Machine Discovered On Steps of State Army—Lighted Fuse Extinguished by Rain.

Lawrence, Mass., Nov. 18.—A small bomb, the lighted fuse of which had been extinguished by the rain, was found last night on the steps of the state armory, where a large convocation of Masons were celebrating commencement of work on a new temple.

Interurban Car Held Up.
Pittsburgh, Nov. 18.—Five armed men held up and robbed a score of passengers and the crew of a Pittsburgh and Charlelot interurban car at Croomham Stop, near Pittsburgh, late last night, obtaining \$150 from the conductor and cash and valuables from the passengers, according to reports received by the police. The bandits escaped in a touring car. A squad of Pennsylvania state police has been placed on the trail of the men.

Woman Foils Yegmen.
New York, Nov. 18.—Escaping from wire bonds with which she had been tied in a chair Mrs. L. D. Grumpy, night clerk at the Central Club of Murray, yesterday foiled five masked bandits who attempted to rifle the club safe.

When confronted by four of the robbers, all with revolvers leveled at her head, she fainted, recovering to find herself bound to her chair. Finally, she managed to free one hand. Releasing herself she climbed through an open window and went in search of a policeman. When she returned with the policeman, the robbers had fled, leaving their safe-cracking job half done.

Stockholders Approve Merger of Oil Firms

New York, Nov. 18.—Stockholders of the Union Oil company of Delaware, in special session yesterday, unanimously approved the proposed merger of the company with the Royal Dutch Petroleum company, over 800,000 shares being represented.

Virtually all properties of the Union Oil company are involved. These include Union Oil of California, Columbia Oil Producing company, Western Union Oil, Dunlop Oil, United Western Consolidated Oil and properties of the National Exploration company, Eddyville Oil corporation and the Union Oil company's interest in the Texas Oil company as represented by its holdings of Central Petroleum.

Scottish Rite Reunion Closes With Banquet

The November convocation of the Scottish Rite Masons ended Thursday night with a banquet in the rectory rooms of the cathedral, Twentieth and Douglas streets.

The banquet was served by the Scottish Rite Woman's club, Bishop Beecher of Kearney made the principal address. J. H. Beveridge was toastmaster. Walter W. Head and Raymond G. Young were other speakers.

Eight of Family Die When Home Collapses in Storm

Mena, Ark., Nov. 18.—Eight members of the family of R. E. Weems at Wickes, Ark., 28 miles south of here, were killed last night when the Weems home collapsed during a violent storm. Reports of the deaths reached Mena today when a call for eight coffins was received. All wires to Wickes are down, but it is understood little damage was done except on the Weems farm.

Washington Notes

By E. C. SNYDER.
Washington Correspondent Omaha Bee.
Washington, Nov. 18.—The Rev. George Ennew of Hastings, Neb., pastor of the First Presbyterian church of that city, who has been representing Nebraska at the recent Presbyterian National Assembly at Atlantic City, was a guest yesterday of Congressman Andrews.

Postmaster General Hays has discontinued the following postoffices: Lomax, Custer county, mail to Ed-dyville.

Postmasters appointed: William L. Miller at Williamson, Lucas county, Iowa, vice Charles L. Miller, resigned; Cyril Palmesky at Rescu, Saunders county, vice C. E. Sklenicka, resigned; Mrs. Zella Echo at Hammond, Platte county, Wyo., vice R. D. McDonald, deceased.

Road Conditions

(Furnished by Omaha Auto Club.)
Lincoln Highway, East—Light slipper at Missouri Valley and Denison, weather cloudy; detour eight miles at Marshalltown; roads rough. Colfax and Des Moines Highway—Light snow at Clinton and Des Moines.
Lincoln Highway, West—Roads good; a little rough in extreme western portion. Cicely at Grand Island. Light snow at other points.
O. & N. Highway—Light snow at most points; detour at Ashland; roads good to Lincoln and west; no detour except for six miles between Imperial and Chase; advise parties in Denver to follow the Polo road from Fort Collins to Sterling.
Highland Cut-off—Light snow, roads still good.
R. & A.—Light snow, roads still good. Cornhusker Highway—Light snow, roads still good.
Omaha-Topoka Highway—Light snow, roads still good.
George Washington Highway—Slippery at Blair and Oakland; light snow; road from Calhoun to Blair now completed.
Black Hills Trail—Light snow; roads good to Hartsville.
King of Trails, North—Slippery at Missouri Valley; light snow.
King of Trails, South—Cloudy at Plattsmouth; roads good; rough near Atchison; detour still necessary between Leavenworth and Kansas City on account of road work in progress. River Road—Roads good; weather cloudy.
Pike Road—Light snow; construction work. Anita to Adair. Six-mile detour just east of Casey; fair to Des Moines.
U. C. A. Short Line—Roads good.
The Great Road—Roads good.
D Street Road—Light snow; good except detour near Sallis.

The Fortune Hunter

By RUBY AYRES.
(Continued from yesterday.)
Later, when they were alone, she slipped a hand through his arm. "Geoffrey Foster won't come here any more now he knows you are home," she said.
The Fortune Hunter glanced down at her.
"Geoffrey Foster," he echoed vaguely. His thought had been far enough away, and it was only when he saw the color rise in her cheeks and the hurt expression of her eyes that he hastened to add: "I should hope he won't!"
But for the moment he had quite forgotten that Foster was the name mentioned by the landlord at the inn as the man who had wished to marry Anne.

"It's impossible to go on," he told himself angrily. "Sooner or later I shall give the game away, and it's not worth the risk. Why the devil can't I clear out now, before I get deeper into the mire?"
But when Tommy proposed calling the gardener in to lend a hand in moving the boxes upstairs the Fortune Hunter agreed readily and himself unstrapped the knotted cords that bound them.

"Which box is the bear skin in?" Tommy asked, and the Fortune Hunter frowned and rumped his hair in perplexity.
"Dashed if I know," he said. He had not the least intention of opening the boxes, and would not have done so if he could, but for the moment it had seemed easier to yield than to argue with this boy's eagerness.

"And now where are the keys?" Tommy urged.
The Fortune Hunter plunged a hand into his pocket; he tried every pocket in his coat. "I must have lost them," he said. The excuse was more than welcome, though to satisfy Tommy, he took off his coat and turned every pocket inside out. "They're gone, right enough," he said.

"You probably dropped them yesterday when you went into the river," Anne said. Don't look so tragic, Tommy dear; we can soon get some more that will fit."
But the boy's face had fallen again into its fretful, peevish lines.
"Something always happens to spoil my fun," he complained. "Are you sure they're not downstairs in your room?"

"Quite sure."
Tommy granted something inaudible and slipped away, and the Fortune Hunter looked at Anne.
"And now what do we do?" he asked, trying to speak naturally. He had a painful feeling that no matter who else he was successful in deceiving, before long Anne would find him out.
"Let's go out," she said. "I want to talk to you, and there are lots and lots of things I want you to tell me."

They went down together into the garden.
"Not here—I'm going to take you over to the island," she told him.
She looked at him shyly. "You know the island where I often used to write my letters to you. Somehow I never thought I should ever show it to you, John, though you were so sure."
They untied the punt from the

mooring at the bottom of the garden and pushed out into the stream.
"Do you know," the girl said, suddenly, "I've never seen Tommy so friendly with anyone as he has been with you?"
The Fortune Hunter made a little grimace.
"Really! I should not have thought that he has shown me any great mark of favor."
"Oh, but he has," she urged. "As a rule he won't speak to anyone. He used to hate all my—any men who came here."

"Your would-be lovers you mean," he interposed ruthlessly.
She leaned over and laid her hand on his.
"You need not be jealous; there never has been—except you."
He caught her fingers and held them.
"Some day you'll realize that I'm not worth loving," he said steadily.
She laughed. "Shall I? I haven't realized during the last 10 years anyway."

"And I suppose everyone did their best to set you against me," he said bitterly. "They all said I was a rotter—not fit to breathe the same air with you."
"Indeed they did not! They never dared say one single word—that it would have mattered whatever they had said."
"I dare say they thought the more."

She moved, coming to sit beside him at the end of the punt, letting it drift with the stream.
"You know, John," she said quietly, "I think I must be a very painful faithful sort of a woman, because even right from the very first there never has been a single moment—when I was not yours."
"Yes," he prompted gently as she paused.

She laughed rather shakily, turning her face away.
"It's you who ought to be saying these things to me," she said with a little harsh note in her voice.
He put his arm round her, drawing her close to him.
"If I don't say them, if I can't put what I feel into words," he said desperately, "it's because I—because I—because I feel how unworthy I am. It's because I—." He let her go abruptly. "Some day," he said, "you will realize that I'm not worth loving." There was a little silence.

"Why do you say that?" she asked slowly.
"You've said it several times since—since you came back." "Have I? Because it's always in my thoughts perhaps. And supposing I'd never—we'd never met again after all? Supposing something had happened. I might have died—like that poor devil they found in the woods last night." She shivered.
"Don't! I hate to hear you say things like that. I was always thinking of them myself—dreading them when you were—were away! I used to lie awake at night and imagine all manner of frightful things. At first I thought you would die in—"

"Prison," the Fortune Hunter added grimly as she faltered and stopped.
She nodded. "Yes—it used to turn me cold with fear. Supposing I never saw you again. I used to get up and walk about the room for hours, afraid to go to sleep because

Attorney Made Receiver for Basket Stores

Million Dollar Concern Operating 53 Stores Goes Bankrupt—Business To Be Continued.

The Basket Stores company, \$1,000,000 concern, went into involuntary bankruptcy yesterday on action begun by creditors in federal court. W. L. Randall, attorney, was named as receiver by Judge Woodrough.

The failure affects a chain of 53 provisions stores throughout Nebraska and Iowa. Twenty-three are in Omaha.
Walter D. Williams is president and treasurer; J. L. King, vice president; Eugene Phillips, secretary, and F. C. Thayer, superintendent.

Keep Stores Open.
Stores will be kept open and the business continued as usual, the receiver announced.
Recent failure of the Co-Operative Association of Illinois, a powerful financial company upon whom the Basket stores relied for backing, brought about the present embarrassment, according to Clinton Broome, attorney for creditors. The largest creditors mentioned in the petition was Carpenter Paper company of Omaha, with a bill of \$2,200.

Acts of preference in making large payments to the Groneweg & Schoentgen wholesale grocery house of Council Bluffs, and to a Chicago house, are charged.
W. J. Coad, Omaha capitalist, at one time a large stockholder, has not been connected with the company for three or four years, according to Vice President King. The latter estimated the company's capitalization as close to \$1,000,000.

Casualties Among Deer Hunters Already Heavy

Madison, Wis., Nov. 18.—Although the deer season was only five days old today, the toll of casualties among hunters was already high. Yesterday and today in the Wisconsin and upper Michigan woods, four hunters were accidentally shot to death, and another one was seriously wounded.
Two of the victims were mistaken for deer and a third for a bear.

General Diaz Invited to Omaha by Italians Here

Gen. Armando Diaz, chief of the Italian army and representative of Italy at the disarmament conference, has been invited to visit Omaha by the Giovanni Ameglio and Cristoforo Colombo societies. In accordance with action taken by the societies at a special meeting Thursday night a telegram of invitation was sent to General Diaz by the presidents of the societies and S. Salerno.

Sixty Drug Suspects to Be Arraigned November 26

Sixty men and women, charged with violation of the narcotic laws and now out on bond awaiting trial, will be arraigned in federal court the morning of November 26.

Bee Want Ads Produce Results.

Railroads Promise Further Reductions If Wage Cut Is Allowed

New York, Nov. 18.—Officials of the Association of Railway Executives announced last night that further freight rate reductions amounting to \$300,000,000 would be put into effect in the even the railway labor board accedes to the requests of the roads for a lower wage scale.

This statement was made after an analysis had been made of the figures set forth in Wednesday's announcement that a 10 per cent reduction in rates on all farm products would be put into effect immediately. This reduction does not apply on produce moving within New England.

As a result of this 10 per cent cut, shippers, it is stated, will save \$55,000,000 annually and this deducted from the \$355,000,000 that the roads expect to save through wage reductions, will leave \$300,000,000 that the carriers promise to give the public in lower rates.

City Editor of New York Sun Under Charles Dana Dies

New York, Nov. 18.—John B. Bogart, 78, formerly city editor of the New York Sun under Charles A. Dana, died yesterday.
Mr. Bogart, who was known as one of the foremost journalists of the country, succumbed to an attack of diabetes.

Bandits Kill Aged Woman

Greensburg, Pa., Nov. 18.—Mrs. Allen Braithwaite, 72, was killed and her aged husband beaten by robbers who entered their farm home, two miles from here, yesterday. The men escaped after robbing the house.

Officers Have Narrow Escape From Drowning

Boat Containing Omaha and State Sleuths Capsizes in Platte—Men Rescued With Difficulty.

State Sheriff Gus Hyers, Deputy Sheriff Charles Johnson of Omaha and State Officers Toland and Moore had a narrow escape from drowning in the Platte river in the northwest section of Douglas county late Thursday afternoon when the boat capsized.

The four men were swept down the river. Hyers and Toland finally found footing on a sand bar, but saw Johnson and Hyers swept farther down the stream. Toland shot five shots from his revolver, attracting to the scene Deputy Sheriffs Halter and Hoyer and State Officer Herring, who were half a mile down the river.

By this time Johnson and Moore had caught hold of a snag, but were nearly exhausted from exposure. Halter, Hoyer and Herring, with the assistance of Arthur Cord and William Cord, jr., farmers, rescued the officers. They were taken to the Cord home and put to bed while their clothing was dried.

Johnson was confined to his home yesterday. Moore was reported sick in bed at his home in Lincoln.
South African mines yielded more than 11,400,000 tons of coal last year, an increase from 1919 of more than 1,200,000 tons.

Plattsmouth Bible Class Holds 15 Annual Banquet

Plattsmouth, Neb., Nov. 18.—(Special.)—The eleventh annual banquet of the Young Men's Bible class of the Methodist-Episcopal church was held last night. One hundred and seventy-five were in attendance. Illness of former Mayor Ed P. Smith of Omaha prevented his being present to make the principal speech of the evening, and in his stead Dr. John F. Poucher of Omaha was secured. Songs by the Y. M. C. A. quartet of Omaha were among the entertainment features.

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