

EASTERN FLOODS CLAIM SIX LIVES

Scores to Fight Will of Actress

Court Contest May Develop Over \$4,000,000 Estate of Lotta Crabtree, Who Created Trust Funds. Many Letters Received

Boston, Sept. 30.—Scores of letters from persons claiming relationship with Lotta Crabtree, the actress, whose will made public yesterday, provided a trust fund of \$2,000,000 for disabled veterans of the world war and their dependents, set aside almost as great a sum for other philanthropic purposes, and bequeathed \$100,000 to relatives, were received today by three persons named as executors and by the clerk of the Suffolk county probate court. The letters were from all parts of the country and every mail added to their number.

While legal action to contest the will on behalf of relatives of the actress, not named therein, is pending, Judge Dolan in probate court today appointed as special administrators of the estate the persons named in the will as executors and trustees—Maj. Gen. Clarence R. Edwards, U. S. A., retired; Justice William C. Wall and William A. Morse, who acted as the actress' attorney for many years and who drew the will at her instructions. Their duties will be to deal with any emergency in connection with the estate pending the allowing of the will, which will be presented about November 1.

At the same time Mayor James McCarley directed corporation counsel, E. Mark Sullivan, to tender the good offices of the city to General Jay Benton to the end that the interests of the disabled veterans of the world war may be adequately protected in the event of a will contest.

Attorney Morse estimated the real estate owned by the Crabtree estate to be worth more than \$2,000,000 and the personal property to exceed \$1,000,000.

Threat of a will contest came when Mrs. Robert Glenn of New York, Maude Louise Crabtree of Boston, Mrs. Charlotte L. Beutlinger of Newark, N. J., Mrs. Ethel Harmon of Scranton, Pa., and others sent attorneys here or notified Attorney Morse of their intention to take proceedings.

The investigation was concluded after Mrs. Gladys Scott, undertaker, his sister-in-law to whom he left a \$50,000 insurance policy, and her stepson, Walter G. Scott, had been questioned for hours.

Mrs. Scott said she had paid the \$500 annual premium on Scott's insurance and employed him in her undertaking establishment at a salary of \$20 a week.

CHAMBER WILL BANQUET TEAM

Omaha's pennant-winning Western League baseball team will be given a royal reception on its return to Omaha Friday. The players will be guests of the Chamber of Commerce luncheon at the Chamber of Commerce Friday noon and efforts are being made to pack the dining room for the occasion.

These plans were decided upon at a meeting of the executive committee Tuesday noon, when Frank B. Martin and Horace Higgins were made active members of the executive committee.

GIANT DIRIGIBLE HEAVILY INSURED

Friedrichshafen, Sept. 30.—The giant dirigible, ZR-3, built here by the Zeppelin company for the United States navy, which, according to recently announced plans, will start within a week on her transatlantic flight to Lakehurst, N. J., has been insured for \$600,000 by English, Dutch and German companies.

Transferred to Omaha. Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Bearfield, Neb., Sept. 30.—E. J. Jensen, deputy revenue collector at this point, has been transferred temporarily to the Omaha office. He expects to leave here in about two weeks. Mrs. Larsen will spend some weeks in the south for her health.

Railroad Man Dies. Salt Lake City, Utah, Sept. 30.—John A. Reeves, former general freight agent of the Oregon Short Line railroad of the Union Pacific system and well known in western railroad circles, died here today. He was 55.

"SERIOUS" FROST HITS IOWA CORN

Des Moines, Ia., Sept. 30.—A frost that "probably will have serious consequences," was reported from eastern and south central Iowa counties this morning, the weather and crop bureau here announced. Much of the lowland corn has been killed, it was said. The lowest temperature reported was 25 degrees at Cedar Rapids.

Howell, in Speech at Grand Island, Praises McMullen

Says Learned Worth of Candidate and Progressive-ness When Working With Legislature.

Grand Island, Neb., Sept. 30.—Senator W. B. Howell, in an address here tonight, lauded Adam McMullen, republican candidate for governor, for the fight McMullen made in the legislature for progressive legislation. The Howell endorsement of McMullen was given at a republican rally held in Grand Island in honor of the presence of Senator Howell and Mr. McMullen in the city.

"As you probably know," Howell said, "I was around the legislature at Lincoln for many years fighting for progressive legislation for Omaha and the state. I needed progressive men in the legislature to succeed."

"I found Adam McMullen standing for things which others were against and he was always standing on the right side. He will make Nebraska a splendid governor."

The remainder of Senator Howell's speech was on national subjects. He pointed to the futility of the La Follette campaign and showed it was "utterly impossible for La Follette to be elected and do anything except throw the election into congress and into turmoil."

After speaking at York last night Senator Howell went to Blue Hill where he spoke at a republican day rally. The preceding day at Blue Hill was democratic day, while tomorrow will be La Follette day.

There is a carnival under way at Blue Hill and one of the favorite sports is a tug-of-war between democrats and republicans.

Tomorrow and for two or three more days Senator Howell will travel with Mr. McMullen. Later he will stump various parts of the state. He has placed himself in the hands of Harry E. Sackett, state chairman, ready to go anywhere Sackett sends him from now until election day.

Mr. McMullen visited Bradshaw, Hampton, Aurora and Marquette during the day, speaking to large crowds at all towns. From York he was accompanied by Bradshaw by Otto Evans and R. O. Allen. He was introduced there by E. Palmer.

At Hampton he was met by F. E. Edgermont, M. F. Stanley, C. L. McCaughey and F. C. Rundle, candidate for the legislature. He was introduced by Mr. Edgermont. The school children were present to listen to Mr. McMullen and there were a number of women in the crowd.

At Aurora he spoke to a large crowd at the court house square. Many women were present. He was entertained at dinner by a number of Hamilton county republicans.

At Grand Island Senator Howell, who rejoined Mr. McMullen here, and Mr. McMullen were entertained at luncheon by Hall county republicans.

RUSSIAN WRITER CRITICALLY ILL

London, Sept. 30.—Maxim Gorky, the Russian novelist, who is suffering from tuberculosis and kidney disease, was reported to have suffered a relapse, and upon arrival at the hotel, according to advices today from Copenhagen. Gorky was planning to visit the United States again this winter.

Search on for Hotel Guest Who Is Charged With Fraud. Atlantic, Ia., Sept. 30.—Local authorities are directing a search for H. Hannah, alias H. Holmquist, charged with giving a worthless check for \$53.50 at the Pullman hotel. Hannah had the check mailed to himself, it is believed, and upon arrival at the hotel called for his mail and opened the letter containing the check while the proprietor looked on. The check was cashed. It bore the name Valentine & Co., New York, an alleged paint and varnish concern. Hannah represented himself as a traveling salesman. It is reported he worked the same deal at Villisca where he used the name of H. Holmquist.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Bass Celebrate Golden Wedding. Laurel, Neb., Sept. 30.—Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Bass, who have lived here for the past 20 years, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with nearly all of their 32 dependents present. This pioneer couple has seen a great change in northeast Nebraska, having settled here in the early days, amid dangers and privations, when the country was a wilderness.

Brookhart Asks Dawes' Resignation

Nominee Smiles at Attack of Republican Senator From Iowa, Who Seeks Re-Election This Fall. Declines to Comment

Chicago, Sept. 30.—United States Senator Smith W. Brookhart made public tonight the text of a letter he mailed today to Chairman William C. Davenport of the republican national committee condemning the record of Charles G. Dawes, republican vice presidential nominee.

"Charles G. Dawes has wrecked the republican campaign, especially in the northwest," Senator Brookhart wrote.

He details his charges and concludes with this paragraph: "For these reasons I desire to request that the republican national committee take steps to secure the resignation of Dawes as the republican candidate for vice president. In his place there should be selected a farm bloc candidate, not an imitation farm bloc, but one of the fighting type like Senator Norris of Nebraska, in whose behalf the farmers have the utmost confidence."

Brookhart a Candidate. Senator Brookhart is seeking re-election on the republican ticket in Iowa.

The text of Senator Brookhart's letter, in part, follows: "Charles G. Dawes has wrecked the republican campaign, especially in the northwest. He started out like a bold-faced plutocrat, but his discomfiture and ungentlemanly language quickly reduced him in his own vocabulary to a mere 'peewit plutocrat.'"

"His sulphuretted hydrogen' bank record, as established by the supreme court of Illinois the day he was nominated, renders him unfit for the public service and he should be removed as a candidate for his party as Denby and Daugherty were removed from office. His official defense in this transaction by a noted democratic lawyer only makes this conclusion more emphatic."

"Ability Only Bluff." "The claim that he was ignorant of the import of his act and only regarded it as a friendly favor, adds color to the general claim that his own advertised financial ability is only a bluff and that he acts as the agent of international banking powers. The further defense that all bankers are doing the same thing is resented even by the bankers themselves."

"Under the false pretense of loyalty he organized a disloyal group to conduct an illegal defense of the constitution of the United States with the secret purpose of destroying the constitutional rights of union labor while the Pure Oil company, in which he is interested, is being sued by the government for violation of the criminal law. He is an insult to the whole laboring world and his sinister designs are so well known that he will certainly lose the whole labor vote."

Dawes Only Smiles. Chicago, Sept. 30.—Charles G. Dawes, republican candidate for vice president, smiled broadly but said nothing tonight when shown a copy of the letter written by Senator Brookhart of Iowa to Republican National Chairman Butler, requesting that steps be taken to displace Dawes on the republican national ticket.

The itinerary of Dawes' next speaking tour was completed today by the arrival of the candidate at Chicago. He will afford the nominee opportunity to reply to Senator Brookhart in the latter's state if he cares to do so. En route to Kansas City to make an address Thursday night, he will speak Thursday at Davenport and Muscatine, Ia.

Associates of Dawes do not expect him to take advantage of the opportunity, however, as to whether he has maintained the position that "a man's reputation should not be debated in a political campaign."

Bedspreed in Litigation. Columbus, Neb., Sept. 30.—A bedspreed, made and exhibited by Mary Schutt at the Mid-Nebaska exposition, has become the principal bone of contention in a lawsuit in county court. Mrs. Margaret Duncan has begun action to obtain possession of the spread. She claims she furnished the thread and paid \$16 on Miss Schutt's bill of \$31 for making the spread. Miss Schutt contends that when two years ago, Mrs. Duncan learned the cost of the spread she refused to pay the balance and told Miss Schutt to keep it.

Slight Quake Recorded. Washington, Sept. 30.—An earthquake of slight intensity was registered on the Georgetown university seismograph early today beginning at 5:48 o'clock and lasting until 4:05. Father Tondorf estimated its distance as probably within a radius of 500 miles of Washington.

Albert Ottinger Resigns. Washington, Sept. 30.—Albert Ottinger of New York today tendered his resignation to President Coolidge as an assistant attorney general, effective October 1.

Mayor's Writing Shows He Loves People, Psychologist Declares

Mayor Dahlman has been given a clean bill of health by Walter Delroy, the New York psychologist whose address Monday night before the Ad-Sell league scored a bull's-eye, from an entertainment standpoint.

One of Delroy's versatile habits is to read character from specimens of handwriting. The mayor was asked to write down something on a piece of paper and, being a good democrat, he jotted down the name, "Charles W. Bryan." Here is what the graphologist said about the mayor, although he did not know he was discussing the city's chief executive or any of the others whose handwriting he read:

"A man of excellent personality who could appeal either to business or professional interests. A generally popular man who is a good sorter of facts. Believes a lot he hears, but by no means all he hears. Only having a signature makes it difficult to cover personal features, because there are not enough words for the comparisons necessary to deduct facts."

Love of People. "The handwriting shows there is a great love of people rather than individuals. An appreciation of rhythm and a hatred of singularity and jerkiness. The writer has a flowing character that fits in everywhere. He must watch that his heart does not embarrass him, for it is hard for him not to give if he has the price when he likes an individual. He is not hard-boiled nor suspicious. A great believer in growth. His imagination is excellent."

Dr. Stuart B. MacDiarmid, president of the Ad-Sell league, wrote "Omaha: Where the west is at its best." Of the doctor Delroy said: "He is essentially human, a man of big ideals, very generous with day."

Farley Rapid Thinker. C. J. Farley, president of M. E. Smith & Co., wrote "The Gate City of the West," from which the noted graphologist drew the following conclusions:

"He is a rapid thinking man of self-made type. A man who has covered details but really has an 'eat-em-alive' type. He prefers to meet a blow when it comes rather than ahead of time. He is quite patient for an impatient type. A 'get-at-it' man who leaves little to the imagination."

While Farley was scribbling down his message in his office, another of the concerns, L. P. Bushnell, strolled in and wrote the name of the father of our country. Of this Washington card Delroy said: "A breezy, easy type who can get away with murder when it comes to contact. Would make a splendid head of some sales organization or position where he could inspire personal enthusiasm in others. A man who knows the whole town, who never will be old, who will be a kid when he is 90. A good sport, can go hungry but can't take a cheap meal."

Delroy returned to New York Tuesday.

Mail Bandits Get \$60,000 Payroll

Postmaster and Guard Held Up by Four Masked Men With Shotguns.

St. Louis, Sept. 30.—Postmaster B. B. Houghton of Crystal City, 40 miles south of here, arrived here late Monday to make an official report to post-office inspectors on a holdup Monday evening in which he was robbed of \$60,000 while taking the money from the railroad station at Crystal City to the postoffice.

According to the postmaster, four masked men, who were armed with revolvers and shotguns leaped from an automobile and disarmed him and a negro who was seated beside him in the truck, in which they were hauling the mail to the postoffice.

By International News Service. Crystal City, Mo., Sept. 30.—Postmaster Houghton and a guard, armed men, aided by bloodhounds, scoured the countryside today for four masked bandits who late yesterday held up a mail truck here and escaped with a \$60,000 payroll.

After the robbery the bandits drove off in a high-powered automobile which was later abandoned. The stolen money represented the payroll of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass company here.

AIR MAIL BEACON WILL BE MOVED

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Atlantic, Ia., Sept. 30.—The 25-mile night air mail beacon located on the Hunt farm near here is being dismantled and will be moved to the Strittmatter place. The change is being made because the owner of the present emergency landing field wishes to break up the ground.

An additional automatic beacon will be placed at Anita, east of here, to aid night fliers, many of whom state they cannot see the smaller light here now.

PASSENGER TRAIN WRECKED, REPORT

Quitman, Ga., Sept. 30.—Railroad officials of the Atlantic Coast line today were attempting to send rescue parties to a wrecked passenger train 10 miles west of here, which, according to unverified reports, turned completely over as a result of washouts following two weeks of the heaviest rainfalls south Georgia has experienced.

Meager reports here stated that all passengers are safe.

Captain Crissy Inspects Troops at Hartington

Hartington, Neb., Sept. 30.—Capt. John Crissy of Omaha, met with the local officers and assisted them in various military matters at the regular weekly drill of Company F, Hartington national guards. An inspection was held this evening, all members of the guard appearing in uniform.

Schoolboy Ends Life.

Cedar Bluffs, Neb., Sept. 30.—A strong aversion for attending school was believed today to have prompted the suicide of Gerald Haggeman, 17, son of Adolph Haggeman of this town, who was found hanging in a barn late last night a quarter mile from his home.

Conditions in America Improving

President Writes Letter to Omaha Man, Head of Bankers' Association; Says Financiers Deserve Credit. Public Attitude Better

Chicago, Sept. 30.—President Coolidge, in a letter to the American Bankers' association today said there are multiplying evidences of improving conditions throughout the business structures of the world.

The president's letter was addressed to Walter W. Head of Omaha, president of the association, and stated that the president has "a strong feeling that the bankers of the country deserve generous recognition of their services."

The president's letter follows: "My Dear Mr. Head: 'You have been kind enough to ask me for a brief message to the American Bankers' association at the time of its forthcoming annual convention. I am glad to comply because of my strong feeling that the bankers of the country deserve a generous recognition of their services.'"

"There will, I think, be general agreement that the attitude of the public toward the bankers, and likewise that of the bankers toward the public, have both become more sympathetic and appreciative in recent years. We may attribute this in no small measure to the extension of interest in economic and financial problems in recent years. It is in part a consequence of the increasing insistence of these problems, and in part, also, a result of the establishment of the federal reserve system."

Results of War. "Even so great a calamity as the war had these good consequences, and among these we must include a greatly increased attention to matters that are fundamental to the life of the community. It is not so many years since banking was a good deal of a mystery, even to the majority of business men. Nowadays, thanks to the policy of leading banks in taking the public into their confidence and discussing their problems in simple and understandable fashion, the mystery has largely disappeared. In its place have come confidence and understanding which make for the best interests of both the bank and its customers."

"One incident to this new attitude is the general appreciation of the federal reserve system's usefulness. It has demonstrated as the stabilizing and unifying factor of our monetary and financial structure, during a period which, without it, would certainly have been marked by distress and disasters. Instead of these, we have seen our monetary system accepted as the world's standard. We have been able to place every reliance in the soundness of our banks, and their ability to adapt themselves to the most extraordinary requirements."

Advantage Mutual. "Our financial establishment assumes from year to year a constantly larger part and significance in realm of international business and banking. This is an inevitable result of conditions which have placed in our hands so great a control over the world's reserves of credit and monetary capacity."

Wielded with the same wisdom and care in the future as heretofore, these forces will contribute powerfully to the rehabilitation of money systems, of credit, and of business, throughout the world. They will do this, moreover, to the advantage both of our own country and of others."

"I feel therefore, that in extending my good wishes and confidence to the great banking interests of America, I am also expressing a generous and helpful purpose toward the concerns of sound business everywhere."

"There are multiplied evidences of improving conditions throughout the business structure of the world. American leadership, faith and ready helpfulness have contributed largely to bringing about this improved outlook. So it is fitting to extend congratulations to you American bankers upon your achievements of the past, and likewise upon the bright prospect that opens before you."

Father Ignores His Baby, Wife Charges in Complaint. Columbus, Sept. 30.—Declaring that since the birth of her daughter 14 months ago her husband had treated her with extreme cruelty and had refused to contribute at all toward the support of herself and the babe the last six months, Mrs. Pearl Wine filed suit in district court for a divorce from John Wine. They were married at Columbus in 1922. She asks alimony and the custody of the child.

Unimproved Gage County Farm Sold for \$140 an Acre. Belvidere, Sept. 30.—Rev. J. R. Gettys of Lincoln has sold his \$200,000 farm, six miles west of the city, to Henry Thibault for \$140 an acre. The land is unimproved. Mr. Thibault owns a farm adjoining the Gettys tract.

Boy's Band Organized. Hartington, Sept. 30.—From a gathering of about 60 boys at the auditorium here a junior band of 28 members was organized. Rehearsals will be held weekly under the volunteer instruction of John Thielens, Fred Bruening and Jay McCannaha.

'Know Platte County First' Teachers' Institute Slogan

Columbus, Sept. 30.—"Know Nebraska and Platte County First," will be the slogan at the Platte county and Columbus teachers' two-day annual institute here Thursday and Friday, October 2 and 3. N. Rose Clark, Nebraska Wesleyan university at Lincoln; C. P. Carey, former state superintendent of Wisconsin; H. O. Ferguson, supervisor of music in the Lincoln public schools, and W. R. R. Fate of the Peru state normal college are lecturers for the institute. R. R. McGee, superintendent of Columbus schools, and Fred Lecron, Platte county school superintendent, also will speak.

Coal Mines Filled by Heavy Rain

Philadelphia, Sept. 30.—Heavy rain during the last 48 hours has caused rivers and other streams to rise rapidly in eastern Pennsylvania. Flood conditions were reported from several places with six deaths.

At Jermyn, near Scranton, a concrete bridge over Rush brook gave way and Samuel Langman, a merchant, and Emery Avery were swept into the water and drowned.

Mrs. Agnes Notosh, standing on the bank of Mill creek at Miners, near Wilkesbarre, was thrown into the swollen stream and drowned when the bank gave way.

Hazleton reported 18 of 37 anthracite coal mines in that vicinity flooded. Mines in other parts of the hard coal fields were idle because of water in the workings or working short handed.

Railroad washouts and the flooding of country roads necessitating detours were reported.

Rural street car lines were tied up in some sections of the flood area.

At Mauch Chunk, Henry Herman, a contractor and Louis Elchoff, his assistant, were swept into the Lehigh river and drowned.

At Wilkesbarre, Landin Travis came in contact with a blown down electric light wire and was killed.

Rocky Mount, N. C., Sept. 30.—Portions of this city were flooded today by waters of Tar river with residents abandoning their homes. The river passed the 12 foot flood stage and the local observer predicts that the 15 foot stage of 1915 would be equalled or surpassed.

Basements are flooded and several business and manufacturing plants in the lower section of the city are under water.

LINCOLN WOMAN GOES ON STAND

Chicago, Sept. 30.—Introduction of testimony was begun today in the trial of Tony Danisco and Nicholas Guido charged with the murder of James Burks, a rooming house keeper, who was strangled and robbed last May. It is the first murder trial since that of Nathan Leopold, Jr., and Richard Loeb, who were given life sentences for the murder of Robert Franks.

Mrs. Harry Harley of Lincoln, Neb., a sister of Burks, was the first witness. Mrs. Margaret Marks, a roomer in the house, who was indicted with the two men and who was granted a separate trial, also is expected to testify for the prosecution.

Mrs. Marks testified that on the morning of May 19 Burks was slain that night she gave him a check for \$15 in payment of rent. It was through that check that Guido and Danico were arrested. She admitted knowing Guido, who was employed in a cigar store next door to her place of employment and he had seen Burks by accompanying her to her lodgings several times, she testified. It was the man who found Burks' body with a lace curtain wound tightly around his neck.

ERROR LEADS TO FILING OF SUIT

A bookkeeper's mistake in writing "\$42,585.50" instead of "\$36,190.75" in the place designated for "inventories at the end of year" on the 1915 income tax returned, it was reported, led to the filing of a suit against A. B. Allen, United States collector of revenues.

The association asks the return of \$1,007.75, which it is alleged is the excess tax the error caused them to pay. The petition states that \$25.75 is the correct inventory value at that time.

A claim for refund has been denied by the commissioner of internal revenues.

Edward Robinson Rites Held Sunday at Fairbury

Fairbury, Sept. 30.—Funeral services were held Sunday for Edward Robinson, 77, at the Methodist church. Mr. Robinson was one of the first settlers of Jefferson county, homesteading what was known as the "Old Virginian Station," in the spring of 1858. Indians had burned the station down a year earlier. Edward and his twin brother, William, who survives and is a resident of Fairbury, owned real estate and personal property in common for many years.

Infant Son Dies. Richard, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Ferryman, 6005 South Twentieth avenue, died Monday evening at his parents' home. The funeral will be held at 2 p. m. Wednesday from the residence. Burial will be in Forest Lawn cemetery.

The Weather

For 24 hours ending 7 p. m., September 30: Relative humidity, percentage: 7 a. m., 85; 10 a. m., 80; 1 p. m., 75; 4 p. m., 70; 7 p. m., 65; 10 p. m., 60. Precipitation, inches and hundredths: Total, 0; total since January 1, 24.85; deficiency, 1.74.

Hourly Temperatures table with columns for time and temperature in degrees Fahrenheit.