

Thomas Lawson, Noted Sportsman, Dies in Hospital

Man Who Made and Lost Fortune at Age of 17, Succumbs Following Major Operation.

Boston, Feb. 8.—Thomas W. Lawson, financier, author and sportsman, died at a hospital here early today.

Lawson opened the way to his spectacular career by running away from school in Cambridge, Mass., to work in a financial house in Boston as an office boy.

Five years later at the age of 17, Tom Lawson was worth \$60,000 made from a pool he had organized the year before to buy railroad stock.

From the boy who in his teens could make a small fortune and lose it developed the man who tumbled money markets, who was a millionaire one day and "flat" the next.

Mr. Lawson published several books, among them was a history of the republican party, of which only four copies, printed on satin, were published.

Lawson's stable of thoroughbreds was one of the best known in the country.

6 Students Called in Poison Inquiry

Police Still Mystified as to Source of Death Capsules in Laboratory.

Columbus, O., Feb. 7.—Six Ohio state university students of pharmacy, whose stories have not satisfied Police Prosecutor Chester and the other police officials investigating the Ohio state university student poisoning mystery, are listed to appear Monday before the probers when the case swings into its more serious phase.

Chester declined to make public the names of all the students who will appear, but said two of them are Louis Fish, Canton, who according to the files of two student clerks in the college of pharmacy dispensary, was in the dispensary a week ago Friday, between shift, and Nelson Rosenberg, Cleveland, who admitted having 12 ounces grain strychnine capsules last Wednesday, which, he said, he used as a stimulant to "pep up" for an examination.

Prosecutor Chester insists the poisonings resulting in two deaths and near death of at least three others were criminal and deliberate. The poisonings, it is suspected, were the work of a disordered mind, of a mental degeneracy. But what motivates the acts is a problem Chester has not yet attacked, he said. It is believed, however, the officials are working on the supposition that it was either the killing motive, or the experimental motive, "to see what would happen."

CLUB TO DECIDE ON PARK OPENING

The Southeast Improvement club will hold its regular meeting Friday night at the Bohemian National hall. Several important questions pertaining to the future of South Omaha will come up for discussion at this meeting.

GIRL SHOTS MAN, THEN KILLS SELF

Pittsburgh, Feb. 7.—After twice wounding her German sweetheart, John K. Ploer, after he had announced his engagement to another girl, Anna Cooper turned the gun on herself here tonight and committed suicide. Ploer is expected to live.

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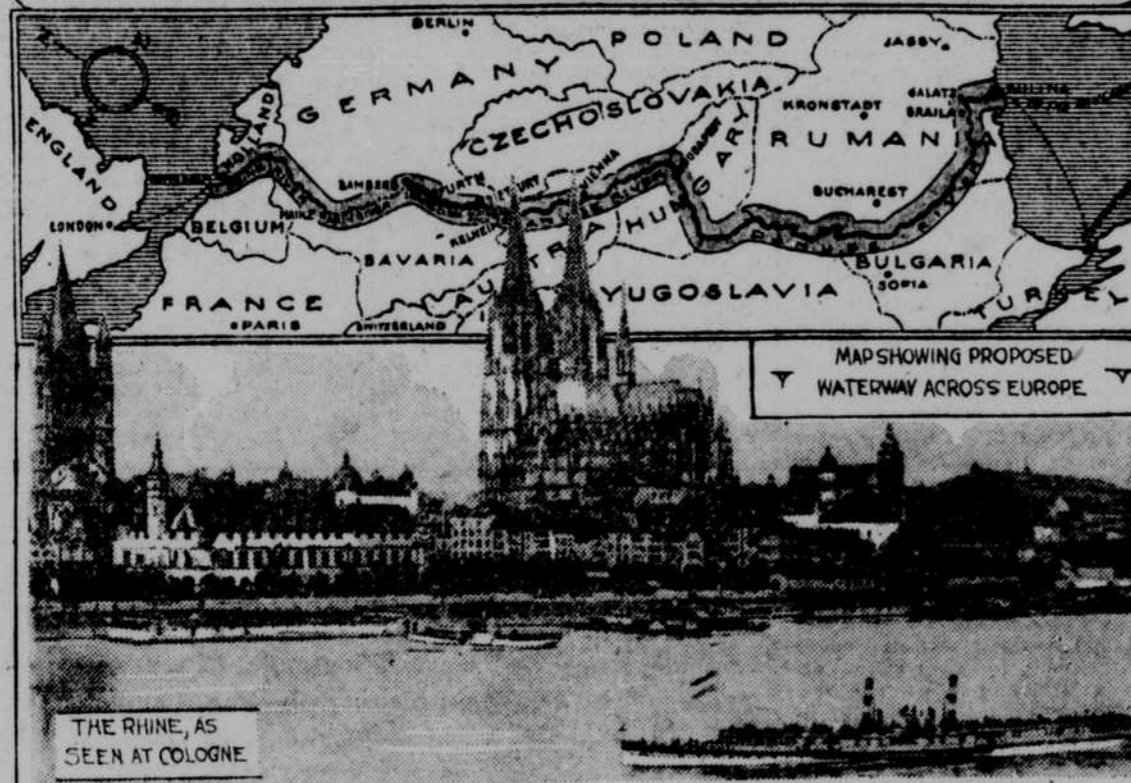
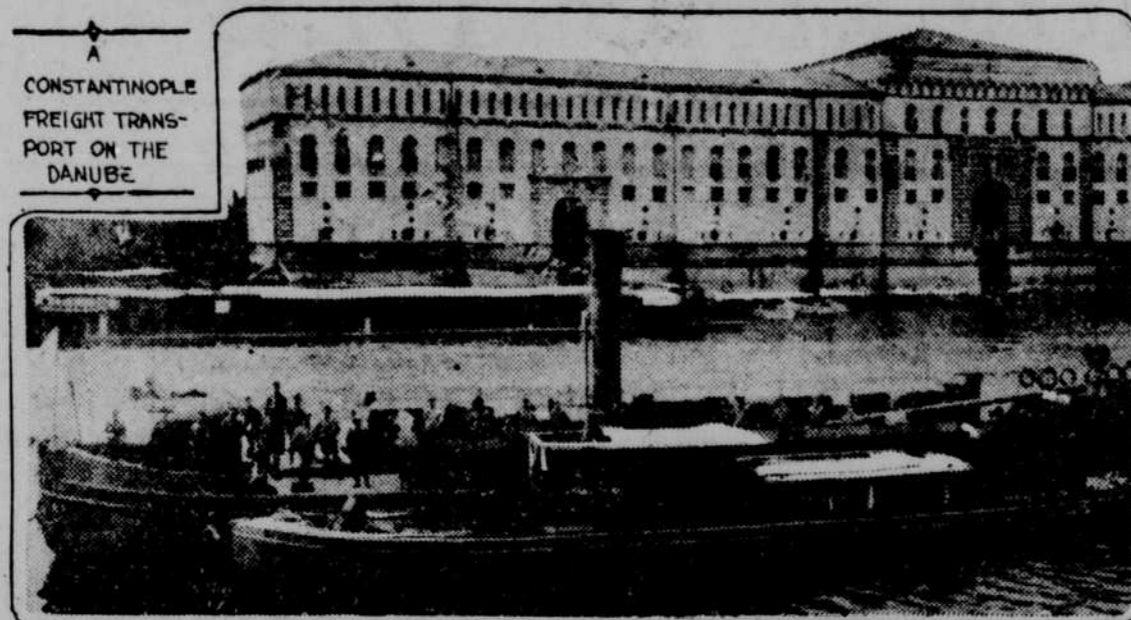
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Henry was the star for the Indians, scoring 12 of his team's points. Elkspey centers also starred. Smith, Wilson and Ramirez divided Central's points among them evenly, while the guarding of Marquis and Cudney made Central's victory possible.

Loughran Wins Decision

Culver City, Cal., Feb. 8.—Tommy Loughran, Philadelphia light-heavyweight, made his California debut here last night by giving Billy Freas of Michigan a 16-round boxing lesson. The bout featured the reopening of the Culver City stadium and was witnessed by a disappointingly small crowd.

Trans-Europe Waterway to Aid in Recovery



THE RHINE, AS SEEN AT COLOGNE

By JACKSON V. JACOBS, Central Press Correspondent.

Munich.—What is looked upon over here as the most needed and most promising piece of upbuilding that postwar Europe has attempted, the deepening and widening of the old Ludwig canal and its approaches which link the Rhine and Danube rivers in Bavaria, is progressing rapidly to completion.

It is expected to be a big factor in restoring European trade and international relations.

The project derives its enormous importance from the fact that it will open up 2,000 miles of inland waterway, from Rotterdam, Holland, to Sulina, on the Rumanian coast of the Black sea. It will provide a broad water highway, available for the largest of inland steamers, through those parts of Europe that the war has left in chaotic condition, affording for the first time the hope of direct and cheap transportation between the mines, the oil wells and the agricultural lands of southeastern Europe and the heavy industrial areas along the Rhine and in England.

London Western Dept. It is to be navigable throughout its length for ships up to 1,500 tons, and is expected to be used by 10,000,000 tons of shipping a year, a traffic which will exceed that of any inland waterway now existing.

At present the way is open for a little less than 400 miles from its North sea end, and for a little more than 1,200 miles from its Black sea end.

The Ludwig canal, which has linked the Rhine and the Danube since 1884, was the work of King Louis I of Bavaria and was constructed to a depth of only seven feet.

The canal itself is only 110 miles long, but there is much work to be done on its approaches.

Britain considers London as the western depot for the new trans-European waterway and Sulina its eastern depot where transshipment will be made for south Russia, Caucasian, Turkish and Levantine ports.

It is a radical rearrangement of the continent's existing trade routes, and its full importance only time can develop.

Danube Dwarfs Rhine. Few people realize the enormous volume of traffic that the Rhine normally carries. Duisburg, at the confluence of the Rhur and the Rhine, is one of the greatest inland ports in the world and in normal times handles a greater annual tonnage than Hamburg. Here the Rhine serves one of the oldest industrial areas in the world.

Geographically the mighty Danube dwarfs the Rhine. It is one of the world's great rivers. Among Europe's rivers the Volga is longer, but carries a smaller volume of water. At Belgrade, where it is joined by the Save, the Danube is a mile wide. Before the war, from Passau to the Iron Gates, it accommodated steamers with a five-foot draft; from the Iron Gates down to Braila it was navigable for 12-foot vessels, and from Braila to the Black sea by the central or Sulina branch of its delta it had an 18-foot channel.

Not many years before the war most of its vast length (it is 1,750 miles long) lay in Turkish territory, but now the ownership of its banks has been carved up of all recognition. At present seven states have access to it and five of them occupy both banks.

tree and there he hung, shivering with both cold and fright. He didn't dare to move.

Hooty hooted again. Happy Jack shook so that he almost fell. Once as he looked up at the twinkling little stars, what seemed like a Black Shadow passed noiselessly overhead. Happy Jack held his breath. He knew that that wasn't a Black Shadow, but because Happy Jack didn't move so much as a whisker, and was lying flat along that branch so that he looked as if he were a part of it. Hooty didn't see him. What seemed to Happy Jack a long time afterward, he heard Hooty hoot again. This time he knew that Hooty was far away. Still Happy Jack didn't move.

"I'll freeze to death," he sobbed under his breath. And then he heard a little noise right at the very foot of that tree. He held his breath.

"Are you there, Happy Jack?" someone asked. It was Peter Rabbit. "Because if you are," continued Peter, "there isn't a hollow log over in that bramble-tangle where you can spend the rest of the night. Come down and I'll show you the way."

Burgess Bedtime Stories

By THORNTON W. BURGESS.

A careless or a foolish deed To undo such a thing may lead.

Happy Jack's Bad Night. Never in all his life had Happy Jack Squirrel been more frightened or miserable. There he was in a little tree that stood all by itself away from the other trees, a tree so small that there was no place for him to hide. He didn't dare leave that tree because he knew that Hooty the owl was hiding and waiting for him. It would have been bad enough in daylight, but to Happy Jack it was far worse because the night was already beginning.

In the first place it was cold. You see, there was no place in that little tree to curl up. Before morning it would be much colder. Happy Jack was afraid he would freeze to death if

he remained up in that tree. But worse than this even was his fear that Hooty the Owl might find him. Happy Jack is one of those who go to bed with the coming of the Black Shadows. He cannot see in the night, as some of his neighbors can. So he is afraid to be out after dark.

He was bitterly disappointed, was Happy Jack. He had been sure that Hooty Fox had gone away, and he had jumped down from that tree and started for the nearest trees of the Green Forest. Then Peter Rabbit had flumped a warning from the bramble-tangle on the edge of the Green Forest, and Happy Jack had climbed back up into that little tree in a hurry. He knew what Peter's thumping meant. He knew that Peter could see Hooty Fox. He was so disappointed that he almost cried.

It grew darker and darker and colder and colder. Suddenly the terrible hunting call of Hooty the Owl sounded from so near at hand that it seemed to Happy Jack that Hooty must be in the top of that very tree. Of course he wasn't. In his fright Happy Jack almost squeaked aloud. It was a lucky thing for him that he didn't Hooty's wonderful ears would surely have heard him. Happy Jack flattened himself along a branch of that little

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By Universal Service. Constantinople, Feb. 8.—The divorce suit of Princess Chekikar, which has involved the former Mrs. John D. Spreckels, Jr., has again adjourned, the court having called for proof of the alleged misbehavior of the former Mrs. Spreckels with Selim Bey, husband of Princess Chekikar.

The lawyers for both parties appeared in court, the co-respondent's representatives denying the charges made by Princess Chekikar.

Mrs. Spreckels is now Princess Soud Chakir, Prince Soud was leaving for a trip and asked his friend Selim Bey to "amuse" his wife during his absence. There was a yachting trip in the Bosphorus, which was declared to have been undertaken at the request of the American woman, and Princess Soud Chakir's lawyer said there was nothing reprehensible in that, when one stopped to consider American customs, as there was always a third party present.

The lawyer declared that Princess Chekikar's charges indicated a secret desire to rid herself of her husband.

These lawyers for the princess denied, declaring that the marital contract laid down the condition that misbehavior would constitute grounds for the annulment of the marriage.

Selim Bey's lawyers put in a number of family group photographs, some of them showing the Princess Chekikar and the Princess Soud Chakir together, while others show the Princess Chekikar and Prince Soud together. The plaintiff's lawyers denounced the pictures as fakes and the court has ordered evidence produced as to their authenticity.

One Injured When Auto Slips Out of Driver's Control

Car Runs Down Man, Hits Tram and Comes to Rest Against Telephone Pole.

A car driven by W. T. Cunningham, 531 South Thirty-first avenue, knocked down a pedestrian, side-swiped a street car and finally stopped in a semi-upright position against a telephone pole at Sixteenth and Grace streets Saturday night.

The pedestrian, J. Peterson, a railroad man, living at St. Paul, was badly bruised. He was attended by a police surgeon and left on his train for St. Paul. He promised police he would return to Omaha Monday to prosecute Cunningham.

Cunningham told police that he lost control of his car. The officers did not doubt him, but charged him with driving an automobile while under the influence of liquor.

The automobile was demolished and considerable damage also was suffered by the street car.

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Red Oak, Ia., Feb. 7.—William H. Suffs, an early settler of Red Oak, celebrated his 77th birthday here Saturday. He was born in Germany in 1848 and came to America in 1851, landing at New Orleans. In 1862 he went to the Vicksburg battlefield with his father, landing there one week after its capture. He stayed six months and made his living selling supplies to the soldiers.

In 1863, when the old B & N. railroad was being extended he took a contract to furnish board for 60 men from Afton, Ia. He arrived in Red Oak in the fall of 1868 and is living in the same house that he built in 1859.

He was present at the celebration of driving the golden spike, a mile west of Hastings, Ia.

He fired the first engine on the Midland Pacific from Nebraska City to Seward, Neb.

He went to Omaha in 1882 as fireman for the Union Pacific railroad, and lived in Omaha for 20 years. He is hale and hearty. He has three children. They are Fred, of Kanopolis, B. C. Will, of San Francisco, and Mrs. Cora Chief, of Amarillo, Tex.

ASA G. CANDLER IN DAMAGE SUIT

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 7.—Asa G. Candler, Atlanta capitalist; his wife, Forrest Adair, ex. W. J. Stoddard and G. W. Keeling today were made defendants in a damage suit for \$100,000 by Mrs. Harriet W. Pitchford, former owner of an apartment house, in which Mrs. Candler, Stoddard and Keeling were arrested February 9, 1924, during a raid.

As a result of publicity attendant upon the raid and the consequent departure of tenants, Mrs. Pitchford alleges in the suit that her source of income was shut off and she is unable to meet her obligations. The apartment house was sold under court order.

"Great physical pain and mental anguish, which undermined her health," also resulted from the raid, the petitioner sets forth, adding that he lost 25 pounds in weight.

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Lloyd Cain explained the plans of the state drive for members, which will be launched on February 25 and will continue until March 7.

COUNTY RATIFIES HERRIN PEACE PLAN

Marion, Ill., Feb. 7.—The Williamson county peace plan, calling for the exile of Sheriff George Galligan and the disarming of the members of the Ku Klux Klan and anti-klan feudists, was ratified late today by the county board of supervisors.

A delegation of klanmen from Herrin, Ill., protested against ratification of the plan, but Attorney General Oscar Carl Strom, who represented the state, won the board with a plea for peace. Full details of the agreement will be worked out and deputies to serve under Randall Parks, acting sheriff, will be selected at a meeting of the board Monday.

Ring out the old; Ring in the new; But let's stay sober; When we do.

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