

BIG \$1,000,000 AUTO EXPOSITION OPENS ON MONDAY

Eleventh Annual Show Will Be
Greatest in History, is the
Unanimous Verdict of
Automobile Row.

WILL WORK ALL DAY TODAY

Big Force of Decorators Will Com-
plete Labor and Cars Will Be
Placed in Booths.

FACTORY MEN ALREADY ON JOB

With all the staunch confidence
and optimism that characterizes the
motor car industry and those who
have a part in it, Omaha automobile
men are waiting in keen anticipa-
tion for the opening of the eleventh
annual Omaha motor exposition at
the Auditorium Monday.

Starting bright and early this
morning the big Auditorium will
become a veritable beehive of brisk
and bustling activity. For this
morning, and for that matter all
day and the greater part of the
night will find every single person
who is in any manner or means
connected with the big exposition
on the job preparing for the grand
opening Monday.

Last night a great staff of decor-
ators began the transformation of
the barn-like building into an em-
blazoned and gilded automobile
palace. For weeks two score of girls
have been making the decorations.
Friday night as the clock struck
twelve a full force of 100 girls be-
gan work and they will continue
until Monday noon. . . or the decora-
tions this year are much more ex-
tensive and elaborate than ever be-
fore and a great deal of work is yet
to be done even at this late hour.

Everything Will Be Ready.
But George Laker, who is supervising
the decorations, promises that everything
will be in ship-shape form when the
doors are thrown open to the public.

The decorations this year will be of
the oriental with a tendency toward
the Japanese. When this difficult work
is completed there will be one real achieve-
ment accomplished that is sure to stir
popular approval. That achievement will
be the concealment of the barren and
ugly loft. Where steel girders and rafters
and the unsightly coronas occupied a full
view of all eyes, a soft blue sky will
show. The coronas will all be removed.

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Lambert Girl's Death Caused by Cyanide Poison

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—Cyanide of potas-
sium was the poison which killed Marjorie
Frances Lambert, Lake Forest High
school girl, according to a report made
to the coroner today by Dr. Ralph C.
Webster of the Chicago laboratories. The
digestive organs, Dr. Webster said,
showed no trace of any other poison. The
white crystals said to have been found
under the fingernails of the girl were
originally cyanide of potassium, he re-
ported. The report is to be read Monday
night at the inquest.

Dr. Webster is analyzing crystals of
cyanide and other poison found in an
ashbin near the greenhouse at the home
of Will H. Ormet, who is in custody,
charged with murder of his former sweet-
heart, Miss Lambert. The poisons found
at the Ormet home were used for spray-
ing trees and plants by the boy's father,
head gardener on the McCormick estate.

Attempt of Britons to Cross Tigris is Repulsed With Loss

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 19.—(Via
London.)—An attempt to cross the Tigris
in Mesopotamia to cross the Tigris below
Kut-el-Amara was repulsed after a bat-
tle of three hours, the war office an-
nounced today. The British in their re-
treat were pursued to their second line
entrenchments.

Britons Complete Conquest of Kamerun

LONDON, Feb. 19.—(6:20 p. m.)—The
complete conquest of the Kamerun, the
German colony in equatorial Africa, was
officially announced this afternoon.

The Weather

Comparative Local Record.

Hours	Deg.
5 a. m.	37
6 a. m.	36
7 a. m.	35
8 a. m.	34
9 a. m.	33
10 a. m.	32
11 a. m.	31
12 m.	30
1 p. m.	29
2 p. m.	28
3 p. m.	27
4 p. m.	26
5 p. m.	25
6 p. m.	24
7 p. m.	23
8 p. m.	22
9 p. m.	21
10 p. m.	20
11 p. m.	19
12 m.	18

Temperature at Omaha yesterday.
Temperature and precipitation de-
partures from the normal:

1916	1915	1914	1913	
Highest yesterday	55	40	36	35
Lowest yesterday	26	25	11	27
Mean temperature	41	31	18	27
Precipitation	.00	.00	.00	.00
Normal temperature	42	32	19	28
Deficiency for the day	1	1	1	1
Total deficiency since March 1	24	24	24	24
Normal precipitation	52.4	52.4	52.4	52.4
Deficiency since March 1	52.4	52.4	52.4	52.4
Total rainfall since March 1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Deficiency since March 1	52.4	52.4	52.4	52.4
Deficiency for cor. period, 1911-1915	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
Deficiency for cor. period, 1911-1915	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3

EXPLOSION HURLS MEN FROM EARTH

Subway Blast Under River Blows
Men Through Mud and Water
to Surface.

TWO OF THEM ARE KILLED

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—An explo-
sion in a subway being con-
structed 100 feet below the surface
of the East river today, shot three
workmen through mud and water to
the surface of the river, killing two
outright. One was rescued.

Two Men Lose Lives.

There were four men working in an
air chamber at the time. The explosion
caused the eruption of a geyser in the
river thirty feet in height. Small boats
put out to the scene rescued one of
the workmen alive and recovered the
body of a second.

The subway under construction is
routed from the foot of Montague street,
Brooklyn, to White Hall street, New
York. The air chamber in which the ac-
cident occurred was a short distance
from the Brooklyn shore. The workmen
were employed in mining operations.

Landis Is Surprised Rich Prisoner Given Favors by Officers

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 19.—Thomas Kelly,
wealthy Winnipeg contractor, accused of
fraud in connection with the erection of
Manitoba Parliament buildings, lost an-
other fight before Judge Landis today to
obtain his freedom on bonds. He is to
be taken from the custody of Sheriff Elvin
J. Griffin of Lake county and turned
over to the United States marshal for
the northern district of Illinois.

Kelly's attorneys then brought him into
court to obtain his release on bond pend-
ing the decision of the United States
supreme court on the application for a
writ of habeas corpus, which will deter-
mine whether Kelly is to be sent back
to Canada for trial.

Eastland Officers Must Face Trial on Chicago Indictments

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—Preparations were
begun today by the state's attorney to
bring to trial the seven men indicted by
the state grand jury and charged with
responsibility for the loss of more than
500 lives in the Eastland disaster last
July.

Under the ruling of Federal Judge Ses-
sions yesterday at Grand Rapids, the six
men indicted by the federal grand jury
in Chicago cannot be removed from the
Michigan district to the Chicago federal
court. The state indictment runs against
Walter K. Greenbaum, George T. Arnold,
William Hull, W. C. Steele and R. W.
Davis, steamboat company officials, and
Harry Pedersen, captain, and Joseph M.
Erickson, chief engineer of the Eastland.

The six men whose removal to the
Illinois federal jurisdiction was barred
are George T. Arnold, William H. Hull,
Harry Pedersen, Joseph M. Erickson and
Federal Inspector Robert Reid and
Charles Eckhoff.

Extradition of Arnold, Hull and Davis
from Michigan to Illinois will be asked,
it was said at the office of the state's
attorney. Greenbaum, Steele, Pedersen
and Erickson furnished bonds on the
state indictments.

Germans Moving Large Bodies of Men Into Belgium

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 19.—(Via London,
Feb. 19.)—During the last six days great
German troop movements have occurred
in south and central Belgium, says a
dispatch from the frontier to the Tele-
graph.

Long trains with artillery and infantry
were running along the railroads to the
west and south, and some small detach-
ments were transported by way of
Louvain, Wavren and Gembloux to the
southeast.

Louvain, the dispatch adds, still is a
strong point of support of German
strategy and many conferences of high
military officers are held there.

BROWN FOUND GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER

DAVENPORT, Ia., Feb. 19.—Sherman
Brown, indicted on a charge of murder-
ing his sister-in-law, was found guilty of
manslaughter by a jury in the Scott
county district court, late last night.
Brown, it was charged went to the home
of his wife, from whom he had been
separated, intending to kill her. Her
sister intervened and she shot and killed
her and wounded his wife. The defense
pleaded temporary insanity.

BERG HAS CLASH WITH A UNITED STATES OFFICER

Combustion of Appam Attempts to
Prevent Posting of Libel Notice
by Marshal of Federal
Government.

GERMAN LIEUTENANT SUBMITS Notice of Seizure Remains Posted on Mast After American Gives Warning.

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 19.—When
Deputy United States Marshal West
reached the Appam this morning to
seize it under admiralty proceedings
filed in the United States court here
by the British owners, Lieutenant
Berg attempted to prevent the post-
ing of the libel notice.

WATCHMEN ARE IN CHARGE

Deputy West stated his mission
and was taken to Lieutenant Berg's
quarters. The latter at once objected
to the proceedings.

"If I had known you were the
United States marshal," he said, "I
would not have allowed you aboard."

The personal process was served
and the deputy then started to tack
the usual libel notice on the mast
of the vessel. The German com-
mander objected strenuously.

The ship is in charge of Collector
Hamilton," he said, "and you have no
right here."

Lieutenant Berg then left the Appam
hurriedly and went to Newport News to
telephone. When he returned Deputy
West had tacked on the mast of the ship
the slip of white paper which certified
that the Appam had been seized by or-
der of the United States district court
at Norfolk. Lieutenant Berg directed his
men to tear it down.

Deputy West commanded him not to
touch the notice and it remained on the
mast. Deputy West left two watchmen
in charge of the vessel and the rest of
the party returned to Norfolk.

Floyd Hughes, local counsel for the
libellants, said all information concern-
ing the case had come from Mr. Cou-
dert in New York, counsel for the Appam's
owners. It is understood here, how-
ever, that the libellants base their
case upon the provisions of the Prussian-
American treaty under which the Ger-
man government claims that in order to
claim the benefit of the neutral port the
prize must have been conveyed in a
warship. This was not done in the case
of the Appam.

Reports in circulation which the Appam
was seized were filed in the United
States district court at Norfolk February
18, but were withheld from the public.
The owners allege "that the said steam-
ship is wrongfully withheld from the
libellants by one Hans Berg and other
persons unknown to the libellants." They
further allege that the Appam "on or
about the 16th of January was unlawfully
seized by certain persons unknown to
the libellants and thereafter, under
compulsion, forced to proceed with pas-
sengers, crew and cargo to Hampton
Roads."

Collector Hamilton's report to Wash-
ington concerning the departure of
Deputy West with some thirty men was
made on unofficial information. The
deputy was accompanied by only four
men. Mr. West, it is said, did not con-
sult with Collector Hamilton. The col-
lector has protested against the alleged
failure of the marshal to co-operate with
the collector's office.

Cutler Not Man Wanted in Green River Robbery Case

ROCK SPRINGS, Wyo., Feb. 19.—Jim
Cutler, sheep herder, taken into custody
yesterday in connection with the recent
robbery of passengers on Union Pacific
train No. 13, was arrested on a "false
rumor," according to information re-
ceived from Green River today. Cutler
was apprehended at Kemmerer.

Divorce Granted to Roche Set Aside

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—A decree of divorce
granted Billy Roche, a prize fight pro-
moter, was set aside in circuit court here
today on motion of attorneys for Mrs.
Nellie Roche. The action was not con-
ducted by Roche. Ten days was allowed
for Mrs. Roche to file and answer and
cross bill. Roche married Pauline Lord,
actress, in 1908, in San Francisco. She
was sued by Mrs. Nellie Roche for atten-
tion of affections. This suit is still pend-
ing. Roche contended his marriage to
Mrs. Nellie Roche was illegal, because he
alleged no license was issued for it.

Panama Dredgers Make New Record

PANAMA, Feb. 19.—The dredging fleet
in the Panama canal established a new
record during the twenty-four hours
ended at 7 o'clock this morning, having
excavated 57,300 cubic yards of earth from
the Gaillard cut in that period. The pre-
vious high mark was less than 45,000
cubic yards. From the Culebra slide, the
excavation yesterday amounted to 45,000
cubic yards.

Forehead Blown Off, Man Lives Four Days

FORT DODGE, Ia., Feb. 19.—(Special.)
—I. W. Green of Rockwell City, who had
his forehead blown off in a dynamite ex-
plosion Monday, died Friday in a local
hospital. The man's endurance caused
physicians to marvel. Green investigated
a charge that apparently had not ex-
isted. The lady explosion went off in
his face. Green's relatives live near
Knoville.

AUTO-ROW FACE-OLGY BY THE BEE'S CARICATURIST



Wind-Up of Harris Case Is Order for Perjury Inquiry

After the jury's verdict for the defendant in the case of Harris
against The Bee, was rendered, these proceedings were had in open court:
Mr. Victor Rosewater: Your Honor, I would like to present a mat-
ter here, as soon as the jury leaves the room, with your permission.
(The jury retire into jury room for coats and hats.)
I do this as an entirely independent action and without consulting
my attorneys.

While the outcome of this case is very gratifying to me as one
of the defendants, I feel, that, in justice to the jury, to myself and
to this court, this matter, which has put in direct conflict the testimony
of this woman against the array of witnesses, which were brought here
by us, should be looked into further with reference to the question
whether she is not guilty of perjury and her husband guilty of suborna-
tion of perjury. I ask you to order or request the county attorney to
look into this matter. The attorneys for the woman herself said that if
this verdict came in in this way it would be branding her as a liar and
a perjurer and that she would be guilty of perjury; and the question of
whether others are guilty of subornation of perjury, I think should be
looked into also.

I have no ill will again these people whatever. I do this and ask
you to do this purely for the public good. This woman and her husband
come here strangers and, after going away, come back and within a few
days start suits and follow them up with other suits against a great many
people and put this county to a tremendous expense, put me to this
expense (and the others who are defendants in these cases), which I am
perfectly willing to bear if I can show up this scheme and the general
system of blackmail that is being worked here in this county through
lawyers, not necessarily at their instigation, but through them, to force
people to settle suits brought without any warrant whatever. And I ask
again and request that the county attorney be directed to look into this
matter before these people get out of town.

Mr. Blazer: (One of the attorneys of record for Mrs. Harris.) I think
that Mr. Rosewater's statement is not exactly apropos in this case. I
don't believe, in asking the court to take this matter up, if he thinks
he has anything he ought to place the thing before the grand jury or the
county attorney. I think this speech before the jury is casting an in-
sult against us. I know this case, even though Mr. Rosewater says
I don't; he has thought he was conferring a favor upon me by so doing.
And I think all that has taken place up to this time is an insinuation,
which goes personally to me and to Mr. Sawtelle, as well as Mr. Brom-
ley. And they are not here. And I think this vilifying attack right here
against them when they are not here is unwarranted, as also I believe
his statements in regard to the entire matter. We have taken cases where
perhaps our clients are not entitled to damage, and when we are into a
case we have to conduct it until we find out ourselves. We don't know
otherwise but what our clients are entitled to damages; they may or
may not. Here the jury has found they are not. We are willing to abide
by that verdict. Nevertheless I think Mr. Rosewater's statement has been
unwarranted and unauthorized.

The court: (Judge Graves.) The matter is one that I would have
preferred to have been brought to the attention of some resident judge.
I am here as a stranger to the conditions locally and in the county. But
it would not come amiss to direct the county attorney to make an investi-
gation of the record in this case and if in his judgment he deems that
a prosecution should be brought for perjury, he will be directed so to do.

HUGE PILE OF TALLOW ON GENOA DOCK BURNS

GENOA, Feb. 19.—(Via Paris.)—A serious
fire broke out in a cargo of tallow piled
on a dock shortly after midnight
and is still spreading. The entire fire de-
partment, with detachments of soldiers,
police and carabinieri assisting was
summoned to fight the flames. It is
suspected that the fire was incendiary.
Two persons, evidently foreigners, were
arrested.

The Day's War News

PETROGRAD ADVICES indicate
that Turks may make a stand on
the western edge of Erzerum val-
ley, eleven miles from the city.
DETAILS FROM RUSSIAN SIDE in-
dicate that there were no large
captures of men when the fortress
fell. The bulk of the Turkish
troops apparently were well on
the retreat westward at the time
the inner forts were taken.

REINFORCEMENTS which the
Turks were sending to Erzerum
are reported to have been five or
six days march distant when the
city was surrendered.

SEBASTOPOL DISPATCH reports
the bombardment of Vitebsk, five-
teen miles east of Treboison, on
the Black Sea.

PETROGRAD REPORTS an Austrian
offensive on the Dnieper, near
Uscienko. The assault was re-
pulsed, it is declared.
HEAVY TROOP MOVEMENTS have
been in progress in south and cen-
tral Belgium, say dispatches from
the frontier received in Amster-
dam, long trains carrying artil-
lery and infantry being dis-
patched along the railroad to the
west and south.

TWO THOUSAND FACING STARVATION

Negro Plantation Laborers in Back
Flooded District in Louisiana
in Sorry Plight.

CLIMAX STILL ONE WEEK AWAY

NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 19.—In-
creased apprehension was felt to-
day for the 2,000 or more persons
marooned around Newellton, with-
out food and with but scant shelter.
Most of them are negro plantation
laborers who were unable to reach
safety when the Mississippi river
broke through the levee at the Buck
Ridge plantation. The crevasse is
nearly 700 feet wide. A quarter
semi-circle with a radius of twenty-
five miles is flooded from six to fif-
teen feet deep, while beyond this an-
other twenty-five miles is covered
with water from a few inches to one
and two feet deep.

The flood will not reach its climax for
at least a week, authorities predict.
Concordia Parish, in northeast Louisiana,
is almost entirely covered with water.

Below Metairie, La., the crevasse in the
Atchafalaya river was reported having
reached a width of 1,100 feet early today.
Back levees still protect Metairie from
the back flow.

Fear is felt that the parishes of Ten-
nessee, Concordia, Franklin and Catahoula,
with the exception of a few high spots,
will be covered by a great lake nearly
a hundred miles long and half as wide,
caused by the gathering flood water from
the crevasse and back-water from sev-
eral rivers.

Urgent Appeal for Aid.

NATCHIEZ, Miss., Feb. 19.—A second
appeal from Mayor Jacoby of Newellton,
La., where 3,000 negroes are marooned by
Mississippi floods, was received here to-
day.

"Our supplies have given out," the
mayor said, "and unless we receive food
we will soon face starvation."

Federal and local officials engaged in
relief work did not share the mayor's
opinion.

More than one-third of the town of St.
Joseph was under water and the flood
had reached the town of Waterproof.

Bomb Exploded in Home of Head of Defunct Bank

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—A bomb exploded
today at the home of Modestino Mastro-
giovanni, blew out the front of the
house, but injured no one. Mastrogi-
ovanni formerly was head of a private
bank, affairs of which now are in bank-
ruptcy court. He said he believed the
explosion to be the work of a depositor
angered by the loss of his money.

The explosion apparently was caused
by a powerful bomb. Windows all along
the street were shattered and residents
of the neighborhood thrown into a panic.
Mastrogiovanni said since the failure of
his bank last March he had received a
series of "black hand" letters threat-
ening his life.

The bomb exploded at 6 a. m. while
the Mastrogiovanni family was asleep.
They were thrown from their beds, but
were not hurt.

Kewanee Woman Burns Herself and Two Girls to Death

ROCK ISLAND, Ill., Feb. 19.—Crased by
domestic troubles, it is said, Mrs. Ver-
onica Poleki, aged 35, at Kewanee, early
last night, during the absence of her
husband and three sons, locked her two
daughters, aged 5 and 7, in a room, set
fire to their clothing and then touched
a match to her own garments. All three
burned to death.

Robber Who Shot Paymaster Taken Quickly by Police

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 19.—A robber held
up O. Van Huven, an employe of the
C. A. Taylor Trunk works, today, shot
him in the leg, seized a bag containing
\$2,100, the weekly payroll of the company
which Van Huven was carrying, and fled
by a side running together in the mixing
vat. The damage is estimated at \$50,000.

SENATORS WILL DIG DEEPER INTO SISAL SCANDAL

Charge Made that Chicago Bank
Was Disciplined by the Har-
vester Combine for Loans
to the Planters.

BANK ASKED TO SHOW BOOKS

Bank Denies Withdrawal of Any De-
posits and Questions Authority
of Committee.

WEXLER OUTLINES CHARGES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The
senate agricultural committee today
decided to call upon the Continental
and Commercial National bank of
Chicago to submit a statement show-
ing the deposits of the International
Harvester company for the last three
years in order to determine the truth
of charges that the Harvester com-
pany had disciplined the Chicago
bank for extending financial aid to
the sisal growers of Yucatan.

Other Charges Made.
The committee is investigating charges
that the Harvester company and the
Plymouth Cordage company combined to
monopolize the sisal output and prevent
independent twine dealers from obtaining
raw material and counter charges that
the Pan-American commission corpora-
tion, of which Sol Wexler, a New York
banker, was the head, financed a sisal
monopoly, with the idea of putting up
the price to American merchants.

The committee has been told that the
Pan-American corporation was not
formed until the planters had been un-
able to make loans from independent
bankers, who refused because of al-
leged threats from the Harvester and
Plymouth companies.

A telegram was read into the record
from the Continental and Commercial
bank, denying that the Harvester com-
pany had withdrawn its account. Levy
Mayer of Chicago, counsel for the
American corporation, who made the
original charges that the Harvester com-
pany had attempted to influence the
bank, read the message and similar de-
nials were made in a message from the
Harvester company, read by its counsel,
Walter L. Fisher.

Bank Refuses to Show Books.
CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—Arthur Reynolds,
vice president of the Continental and
Commercial National bank, when in-
formed of the decision of the senate com-
mittee to ask for a statement from the
bank showing the International Harves-
ter company's deposits, said today that
the request would be refused.

"We question the authority and juris-
diction of the senate committee and we
will refuse to open our books to the com-
mittee until so directed by a competent
court," said Mr. Reynolds.

"For a long period," continued Mr.
Reynolds, "the International Harvester
company has carried a considerable bal-
ance with us and there has been no
marked decrease in the amount of the
deposit. I do not consider that the bank
has been 'disciplined' in any manner by
the Harvester company."

Bears Conspire
to Depress Cotton
Prices, Says Heflin

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Representa-
tive Heflin of Alabama today told At-
torney General Gregory he believed a
combination of bear operators in New
York was responsible for the low price
of cotton. Assistant Attorney General
Todd, in charge of the anti-trust pro-
ceedings, was present at the conference
and an investigation to determine whether
the Sherman anti-trust act has been
"violated" will be made by agents of the
department. No formal charges or evi-
dence was produced today.

American Papers Will Open Offices at Buenos Ayres

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—A group of
leading American newspapers, it was an-
nounced today, have opened repre-
sentative offices in Buenos Ayres as the
first move in line with suggestions unani-
mously approved at the recent Pan-
American Scientific congress for drawing
the business men of North and South
America together. The announcement
states that similar representative offices
will be opened in other South and Cen-
tral American cities in the near future.

Free Movie Coupon

This Free Coupon entitles bearer to a
free ticket to any of these high-class
moving picture theaters on the days
named. Present at Box Office with
regular price of one adult paid ticket
and get additional ticket free.

GRAND BESSE

18th and Blinn.
The House of
12 1/2 Cents a
Picture.

HIPPODROME