

MURDOCK ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. John Krueger visited in Lincoln Sunday. The F. A. Melvin family were guests of Mrs. Laura Melvin and Miss Jessie at Lincoln Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Sullivan of Lincoln, were visiting at the Lakes' homes several days last week.

Henry Carson of the Farmers Elevator spent a few days at Omaha at the Retail Grain Dealers Convention.

Mrs. W. O. Gillespie spent last week at Fairmont and Tecumseh, visiting her brother and family and the Blattspiebers respectively.

Messrs. Mathew Thimman and Will Kleiser were over to Meadow on last Saturday where they were enjoying the pleasant afternoon fishing.

Max Peters of Greenwood, who is a grain dealer, was looking after some business matters and also was visiting with his many friends here.

Walter Towle of South Bend was a visitor in Murdock on last Wednesday coming to look after some business and also to visit with his many friends.

Henry P. Dehning of Elmwood was a visitor in Murdock for a short time on last Wednesday afternoon, driving over to visit friends as well as to look after some business matters.

John Scheel and family of near Hickman were here, called by the injury which John Scheel Sr. and other members of the family sustained when they were in the auto wreck last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Work and their kiddies, of Omaha, were guests for the day at the home of the parents of Mrs. Work, A. J. Tool and wife, and with Douglas home, made a merry party of young folks consisting of Misses Ruth and Bessie Miller, Gertrude Dagenfelter, the latter one of the instructors of the Murdock schools, and Mary L. Tool were over to Lincoln on last Saturday where they enjoyed a very pleasant visit.

Steve Leis, Otto Eichoff and Henry Jacobsen returned Sunday afternoon from Merna, where they had been fishing and hunting the past week, bagging a goodly number of the feathered folk and plenty of fish also. They report a fine trip and good vacation.

Last Tuesday evening high school students were entertained at the home of Blanche Marie Eichoff. Many outdoor games were played and a general good time had by all the young folks present. Dainty refreshments were served by Mrs. Eichoff at an appropriate hour.

Mr. and Mrs. Ford Lawton of Louisiana, spent several days last week visiting at the home of Mrs. Lawton here and other relatives at Wabash and Lincoln, and will start Friday on the return trip taking grandma Lawton of Wabash with them for the winter.

The Ladies Aid met with Mrs. Kneep Thursday afternoon and about eighteen ladies were present quilting and fancy work being the order of the day. Delicious refreshments of buns, pickles, pumpkin pie with whipped cream and coffee were served by the hostess. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, instead of Thursday, Nov. 4, at Mrs. Will Schew's.

Joe Long, who is the patrolman for the highway running west of Murray, accompanied by the wife and their daughter, Pattie Lee, were in Murdock on last Wednesday afternoon and were visiting with John Eppings and the men had some business matters to look after. After the conclusion of the business, Mr. Long and family drove over the residence district of Murdock, wanting to see the town and expressed himself as being very well pleased with the very fine appearance of the city.

Received Severe Injury. While W. T. Weddell and Frank A. Melvin were engaged in making

some necessary repairs on the distributing spout at the Wabash elevator on last Tuesday morning, the spout which weighs between two and three hundred pounds, slipped and caught the left hand of Mr. Weddell and the head of a set screw, which was a portion of the spout, catching his hand, tore it very badly and at the same time wedged the hand in the spout and the cap thereof, holding it until Mr. Melvin could lift it off and as they were situated at the top of the elevator, it was a very difficult job. They were at the top of the elevator and the manlift up and Mr. Weddell had to descend with one hand to work with, for no one could go down while the lift was up. Then Mr. Melvin also descended and called Dr. Lee that he might be there, and taking the auto started for Murdock. The hand was dressed and the operation required some thirty-four stitches. The injured hand is paining him very much and Mr. Weddell was required to go to bed and keep quiet. With the work which was to look after the lift, it was fortunate that with the cessation of work in the bridging line, the people for whom Merideth works, could allow him to come home. It will be some time before Mr. Weddell can get to work again.

Says Bryan's Tax Figures are Right

Mr. Smith Explains Governor Goes One Year into the Future in His Estimate

State Tax Commissioner Smith issued a statement Friday supporting the tax reduction figures given by Governor Bryan in the latter's statement when he announced his candidacy for governor. The tax commissioner calls attention to the fact that Governor Bryan's statement of a reduction of \$200,000 in Lancaster county's state taxes is for a period of two years, not one year. It is for the period of the Bryan administration of two years, one year of which is in the future, that the reduction is approximately \$100,000 this year and that a like reduction is certain to be made next year by the state levy, so that the total will amount to \$200,000 for the period of the "administration," a word which Governor Bryan used in his statement which had been challenged by Deputy State Auditor H. O. Parsons who said the reduction for this year over last year was \$58,000 and could not possibly be more than \$73,000.

Mr. Smith also explains why this year's state tax levy is compared with the state tax levy of 1929 instead of with 1930, the principal reason being that the biennial emergency appropriations which must be paid the first year of an administration or in the years 1929 and 1930.

The state tax commissioner's statement follows:

"The figures used by Governor Bryan in his recent statement were correct, as indicated by reports on file in this office, from which they were taken.

"In 1929, the first year of the Weaver administration, the total state taxes charged Lancaster county, as shown by the footings of the tax list compiled by the county clerk and contained in the tax commissioner's report for that year, were \$473,650.

"In 1931, the first year of the Bryan administration, the total state taxes as indicated by the abstract of assessment submitted by the county assessor, would be \$373,786 (which was certified by this office in the county clerk's foregoing figures having been used in tabulation made immediately following the fixing of the state levy in July, the difference between the 1929 and 1931 totals being approximately \$100,000 for one year.

"The years 1929 and 1931 were used for the reason that the emergency appropriations made by the legislature must by law be cared for in the first state levy made following the adjournment of the legislature and sessions were held in 1929 and 1931, while no regular session was held in 1930. The figures for 1930 can be compared with those for 1932.

"The footings of the tax list submitted by the county clerk for 1931 show the total state tax, both tangible and intangible but excluding building and loan and land bank tax heretofore, was \$394,482, a difference of approximately \$20,000 in the amount indicated by the county assessor's abstract.

"In Douglas county the total state tax charged in 1929, the first year of the Weaver administration, as indicated by the footings of the tax list, was \$960,955.

"In 1931, the first year of the Bryan administration, the total as indicated by the abstract of assessment, and which we certified to the county clerk of Douglas county, is \$740,417, a reduction of \$220,000 for one year with a proportionate decrease to be made next year.

"What change the footings of the tax list may indicate, if any, cannot be determined as yet as the report has not been received.

"The reductions indicated above are for one year. Proportionate reductions will be made in 1932 and the total reductions for the biennial period will be approximately double that sum."

OPPOSE GOVERNMENT ENTRY

Dallas, Tex.—The closing executive session of the Mortgage Bankers' association of America received a report which members unofficially admitted condemns the proposal for organization of a federalized mortgage discount bank for redempting real estate credits. William H. McNeal of New York, chairman of a committee of five appointed to investigate sentiment among members, made the report, which will not be made public until after it has been submitted to President Hoover's investigating committee which asked for it.

It was learned from members however, the report vigorously assails the principle of government entry into business, declaring that loan rates would not be lowered through establishment of such an institution and expressing fear that taxpayers would have to bear the burden of any loss.

MONEY FLOW COMING SOON

Chicago—George M. Reynolds, Chicago banker and chairman of the board of the National Credit corporation, said he expected money from the giant corporation to be available before Nov. 15 in support of the country's credit situation.

"From present indications," Reynolds said, "the corporation should be making actual loans within two weeks. Of course, this is a big project and it would not be advisable to go so rapidly as to omit any essential step. It is necessary to get all subscriptions in, and when these are completed a call must be sent for the money to be loaned. It is just important to get a solid backing to build quickly."

Tragedy Opens New Life for Faith Baldwin Heroine

The big plane swerved, banked dizzily—and fell!

Two girl passengers met destiny head-on in the aviator's swivel seat, feeling the old life, had thrust at her an amazing opportunity!

Her chance friend and confidante, the society girl with wealth and breeding, met death!

To find out what happened after that tragic prelude to love and drama "Masquerade" author of "Make Believe," beginning Wednesday, Nov. 4th, in the Evening Journal.

Sport World Mourns as Comisky is Buried

White Sox Owner Died of Broken Heart Priest Says at the Funeral Service

Chicago—They buried Charles A. Comiskey, the beloved "old Roman" of baseball, in his last resting place on this bleak autumn day, and the sports world mourned the passing of the seventy-three year old owner of the Chicago White Sox, the most picturesque figure the game ever knew.

Eyes were moist as Father James Leddy told the mourners that Comiskey died of a broken heart, and a broken spirit, because the ball players who threw the 1919 world series betrayed their trust and those whom he thought loyal turned their back on him.

"The edifice which he had built up through the years of endeavor in a few days was torn down in a heap of ruins at his feet," the Rev. Leddy said. "Do you wonder that his heart was broken."

"Yet he took up the burden once more, and attempted to build a new championship team, but the tax was too great in his declining years."

The church was packed with 1,400, and hundreds unable to enter stood outside, grouped in silence.

Presidents of both major leagues, John A. Heydler of the National league, and William Harridge of the American league, were there. So was Kenesaw Mountain Landis, commissioner of baseball.

Other notables included such figures as Frank J. Navin, vice president of the American league and owner of the Detroit club; "Billy" Evans, Robert Quinn, William Wyley, Rogers Hornsby, William Walker, George Moriarty, "Brick" Owens, "Red" Ormsby, Charles O'Leary Amos Alonzo Stagg, Thomas J. Hickey, M. H. Sexton, president of the National Association of Minor Leagues.

MYERS THROWS VASSELL

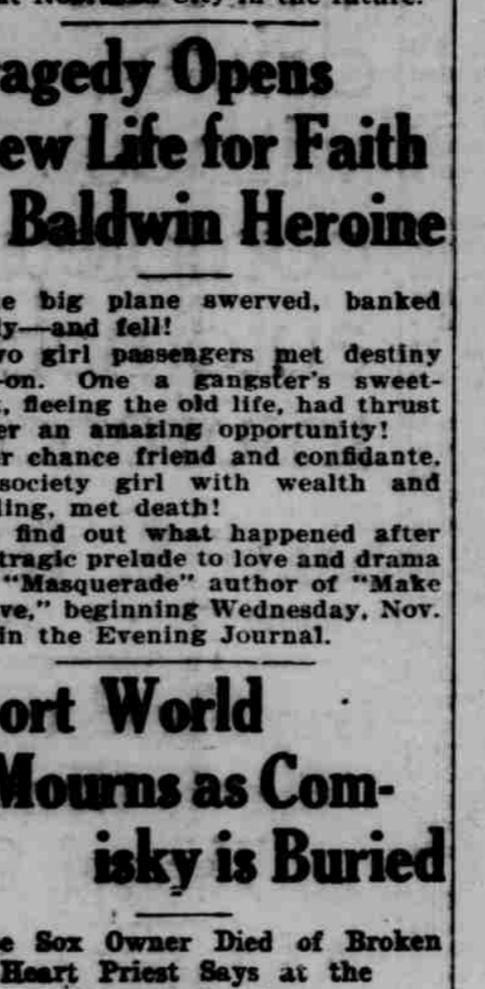
Toronto—After losing the first fall, Dr. Fred Myers, Chicago dentist wrestler, came back to take the next two from George Vassell of Los Angeles and to win the feature bout here. Vassell took the first fall with a croch and body slam in 15:03 then Myers twice pinned his opponent in 7:24 and 16:54. The match was the roughest seen in a Toronto ring in some time. Myers weighed 200 pounds, Vassell 205.

GEORGE C. JOY ESTATE PAYS STATE \$1,130 TAX

Lincoln, Oct. 30.—From the estate of George C. Joy, who died here Sept. 17, 1930, the state has received \$1,130 as its share of the federal estate tax, the tax commissioner's office announced today. Joy's estate was given a gross valuation of \$237,311.

Steel, Rock, Water Guard French Gold

Banque de France Houses Nation's Supply of Precious Metal in Impregnable Vaults, Built to Withstand Ravages of Time, War and Revolution



More gold for storage. How precious metal is stored.

Ninety-six feet below one of the busiest thoroughfares in Paris are the vaults in which the Banque de France keeps the nation's gold reserve. Fitted into a pocket hewn from solid rock, the vaults containing 30 per cent of the world's gold are considered absolutely impregnable. Officials of the Banque de France, of which Emile Moreau is the head, claim that in the event of war or revolution, the personnel of the bank could retire to the vaults and hold out for several weeks. They are equipped for such an emergency with offices, kitchens, food and sleeping accommodations. The 96 feet of solid rock that tops the steel roof of the vaults is protection against shell fire or bombing in the event of war. Tunneling is also guarded against as there is a water jacket provided by a subterranean river, completely surrounding the treasure chest. Inside the vaults are thousands of gold ingots neatly stacked on steel shelves. Each ingot weighs 12 kilos (26.5 pounds) and is valued at \$200,000. With the exception of the United States, France now holds the greater share of the world's gold and its stock is growing larger every day.

Paris, France, Oct. 30.—In one of the busiest thoroughfares in Paris, between the Rue de Valenciennes and the Rue Croix de Pelets Champs, buried under 96 feet of solid rock, are the impregnable vaults that house France's gold reserve—the richest treasure in Europe.

It is estimated that France now owns thirty per cent of the world's supply of the precious metal, its stock being second only to the gold owned by the United States, and in this age when gold is regarded as the life-blood of nations, France protects it as such.

Legends related in Paris about the stronghold wherein reposes the country's gold reserve are fantastic, but actually the truth is still more so; for the vaults are even more impregnable than the famous Verdun forts that withstood the continuous assaults of Germany's mightiest artillery and man-power for over four years.

The greatest secrecy surrounds the system of defense which protects the gigantic treasury, but in certain cases visitors are permitted to inspect the vaults under guard. One can see the yellow ingots of bullion neatly stacked on steel shelves, they lie in piles of five, each ingot weighing twelve kilos (26.5 pounds) and estimated at 200,000 francs per ingot.

But that is all the visitor can see; gold and steel walls. The intricate system of defense remains a mystery to him, as it does to the rest of the world with the exception of a few engineers.

Access to the vaults is gained through steel doors, weighing eight tons each. Steel-walled corridors and winding staircases form a labyrinth that without the armed guide at one's elbow would prove impossible of negotiation.

Officials of the Banque de France claim that should a riot occur in Paris, the bank would be in a position to go into a state of siege and resist all attacks for several weeks. In less than half an hour all the institution's executives and employees would be in the vaults, where emergency officers are ready to receive them. Here the staff could be housed and fed. Provisions are always kept stocked and kitchens are in readiness for the preparation of meals. Sleeping accommodation is also provided for.

In the event of war, no shell or bomb as yet devised is powerful enough to penetrate the 96 feet of rock that tops the steel roof of France's Aladdin's Cave, and not only that, but the danger of access to the vaults being gained by tunneling was also foreseen and guarded against.

On every side the huge treasure chest of a nation is surrounded by water. When the engineers who built the stronghold made their survey for the site of the vaults, they discovered the subterranean river of the Grange Bateliere and diverted that form a water jacket around the country's cashbox.

It took two years of labor by 1,200 men, working night and day, to carve out the setting in the living rock to accommodate the vaults, and the cost of construction is estimated at \$5,000,000.

Since their completion in 1927, a steady stream of gold has flowed into their hungry maw from other countries, particularly the United States and Germany, and the accumulation of precious metal is steadily growing. It is said that all France's gold travels one way—down to the vaults of the Banque de France.

That be as it may, one wonders what France will do with all the gold if, and when, she controls the world supply. Gold may be the life-blood of a nation, but any physician will tell you that blood, to be beneficial, must circulate. When it ceases to move and collects in one spot nothing but disaster can follow. So one is inclined to believe that it would be far better for a nation to suffer from a mild form of anaemia.

Snow Flurries are Spreading to the East

Snow and Sleet Rains Predicted for North Central Part of U. S.—Fires in West

Chicago—Snow flurries and freezing weather spread east into the Great Lakes district while the far west was in the grip of a heat wave that carried temperatures to the 100-degree mark.

Snow and sleet rains were predicted generally by the weather bureau for the north central states. In northern Minnesota and the Dakotas snow fell Thursday, temperatures were slowly rising as the storm spread eastward.

Freezing weather was expected by the weather bureau in southern Wisconsin and northern Illinois, Indiana and Iowa.

The Pacific coast heat wave shot temperatures to 100 degrees at Santa Ana while several forest fires were reported due to the unseasonable heat.

Fires burned over 1,500 acres of brush and forest land before being brought under control. The most serious blaze in the Santa Lucia mountains, north of San Luis Obispo, blackened 1,000 acres.

A blizzard which had raged in the Rocky mountain area subsided without serious damage to large Colorado and Wyoming sugar beet crops which remain to be harvested.

Kansas City, Mo.—Wintny weather will continue in the Kansas City territory for at least another twenty-four hours. A. M. Hamrick, weather observer, said.

Thursday night's minimum here was 39 degrees, and the mercury may sink even lower Friday night, Hamrick said. Saturday the sun is expected to break thru the clouds, bringing slightly higher readings, he said.

Goodland, Kas., reported twenty-four weather, the lowest reading.—State Journal.

LEVINSKY TAKES HOD OVER JIM SLATTERY

Detroit—King Levinsky, Chicago slugger, won a ten-round decision from Jimmy Slattery of Buffalo here Friday night. Levinsky weighed 190, Slattery 169.

Ruth Nichols' Plane Burns

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DAVID WRESTLER ON WEBSTER CITY CARD

Webster City, Ia., Oct. 28.—The House of David undefeated champion wrestler will meet Speedy Hanson of Minneapolis in the feature bout on a mat card to be presented here Friday night. Jack Cozard, Dan Molnar, grapplers Johnny Austin of Omaha in the semifinals.

When PAIN Comes

WHAT many people call indigestion very often means excess acid in the stomach. The stomach nerves have been over-stimulated, and food sours. The corrective is an alkali, which neutralizes the acids instantly. And the best alkali known to medical science is Phillips' Milk of Magnesia.

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