

LOS ANGELES HOME WRECKED BY BOMB

ATTORNEY LAWLER AND WIFE BOTH SUFFER SERIOUS BURNS

COUPLE ASLEEP AT THE TIME

Revenge for Part Attorney Played in Prosecution of Dynamiters Assigned by Los Angeles Police as a Motive for the Crime.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Revenge for the part he played in the prosecution of a group of dynamiters in the middle west, several years ago was assigned by the police here as the probable motive for an attempt on the life of Oscar Lawler, former assistant attorney general of the United States. Mr. Lawler's home was practically destroyed by a bomb and subsequent fire here and he and Mrs. Lawler both seriously burned and otherwise injured.

The Lawler home was a large brick and frame structure in the fashionable Wilshire district in the west part of the city. Mr. and Mrs. Lawler were sleeping on a porch on the south side of the house, opening from a second floor room and screened from the street by an angle of the building. Miss Bessie Mills, a nurse, and Oscar Lawler, Jr., were sleeping on a screened porch at the rear or east end of the house.

House Set on Fire.

When the explosion came a sheet of flame at once rushed up the side of the house, directly below the porch occupied by the Lawlers, and cut off possible escape toward the outside. Mr. Lawler and his wife went into the house and tried to make their way to the rear porch, where their son was with the nurse. They were cut off by smoke and flames and when Mrs. Lawler realized this she fainted. Mr. Lawler took her in his arms, carried her through flames to the front of the house and dropped her to an awning over the front veranda, whence she rolled to the ground. He then leaped after her.

The young son and the nurse were rescued from the porch by neighbors. Another son and daughter were away from home at the time.

HUNGARY SEEKS PEACE.

Bela Kun, Dictator Since the Revolution, is Forced to Resign.

Copenhagen.—The strictest martial law is being enforced in Budapest by the war minister in the new government, Joseph Haubrich, advised from the Hungarian capital state. The city is reported quiet.

Vienna.—Overtures for peace with the allies have been made by the new socialist government of Hungary which has been set up in succession to the Bela Kun regime.

Bela Kun, who resigned his virtual dictatorship, has been furnished a safe conduct by the allies and is expected to seek refuge here, as it is felt that his life would be endangered if he remained in Budapest.

The peace overtures were made by Jacob Weltner, president of the soldiers and workers' soviet from Budapest. Herr Weltner asked Col. Cunningham, the leading representative of the allied officials here, to recognize the new government and to treat for peace. The new Hungarian cabinet is presided over by Judas Peidl, who was formerly minister of the people's welfare in the Count Karolyi cabinet. The cabinet contains provisionally many members of the former Bela Kun ministry.

Budapest Orderly.

Vienna.—Budapest was orderly during the night. Picked troops patrolled the town. The troops now at the front were informed that they may retire, as it is stated in Budapest that Rumanian forces along the Theiss river had received orders from the peace conference at Paris not to advance further toward Budapest. When the new government was proclaimed and the coming of peace was announced, there was a celebration, but the people responded to the appeal for order.

Sinn Feiners Carry Off Guns.

Belfast.—Sinn Feiners raided the freight depot at Greenmore and carried off a quantity of rifles which had just arrived from England. The rifles were addressed to the commanding officer of the royal artillery.

Spanish Senate for League.

Madrid.—The senate voted a bill authorizing the government to join the league of nations. The vote was unanimous.

Turmoil in Japan.

Tokio.—The government has decided to meet the situation arising from the high cost of rice and other necessities, which is causing serious unrest, by transporting rice free on the railroads and reducing freight rates on other foodstuffs.

Caproni Plane Drops.

Rome.—A Caproni airplane, flying from Venice to Milan, with fourteen persons on board, fell to the ground from a height of 1,000 meters, near Verona. All on board were killed.

CHICAGO NEGRO FLEEING FOR HIS LIFE



This photograph, taken in the "black belt" of Chicago during the bloody race riots, shows a colored man making a desperate run to escape white hoodlums who were trying to catch and kill him. Such scenes were frequent.

ARMENIA IS IN PERIL MORON MURDERS GIRL

TURKS AND TARTARS CUT OFF RELIEF SUPPLIES.

Victims Are Hemmed in on Three Sides—Slaughter Is Feared.

Paris, July 31.—Turks and Tartars are moving on the Armenians from three sides.

They have cut off the Armenian relief supplies and threaten all the remaining Armenians with extermination unless additional military protection is afforded, according to dispatches from Major Joseph C. Green of Cincinnati, who is directing the American relief administration's work from Tiflis.

Herbert Hoover, director general of relief, immediately submitted Major Green's message to the peace conference, which already had similar reports from other American and British observers.

Under date of July 24 Major Green telegraphed:

"The Turks and Tartars are advancing in the districts of Karabagh and Alagbez. They now occupy approximately the reopened territory of Russian Armenia. Khalil Bey, a Turkish colonel, is commanding the Azerbaijan Tartars.

"Relief depots and trains are surrounded and have probably been seized. The British state that orders from above prevent their interference. The Armenian people and government are in despair. General mobilization was ordered yesterday, taking the men from the harvest.

"We shall not be able to carry on relief work much longer unless the British receive orders to clear all Russian Armenia, including Karabagh and Alagbez, of Turkish and Tartar forces."

CHARGE BIAS IN ARMY QUIZ

Committee Investigating Court-Martial System "Packed" Is Assertion of Army Officer.

Washington, July 29.—Charges amounting to the assertion that the special committee which investigated the alleged inequities of army court-martial was virtually packed against his demands for reform are made in a letter to George T. Page of the American Bar association, given out by S. T. Ansell, formerly acting judge advocate general.

The former army officer, who was demoted by the secretary of war following his criticism of the existing system, now demands that President Page direct the executive committee of the bar association to overhaul the special committee proceedings.

It is evident that if the bar association does not do this, there will be further investigations in congress.

SALES OF WHEAT INCREASE

33,793,000 Bushels Received From Farms During Week Ended July 18—17,493,000 Previous Week.

Washington, July 31.—A total of 33,793,000 bushels of wheat was received in markets from farms in the week ending July 18, according to figures issued by the United States Grain corporation, covering the wheat and flour movement throughout the country.

This compared with 17,493,000 bushels for the previous week and 32,516,000 for the same week in 1918.

Germans Vote Extra Wealth Tax.

Wetmar, July 31.—The proposed extraordinary tax on wealth was voted upon favorably by the council of state.

Explosion Kills Entire Family.

Denver, Colo., July 31.—A house in which lived E. Molonsky, a fruit peddler, his wife and two children, a girl of nine and a boy of eighteen months, was wrecked by an explosion and then burned to the ground.

Illinois Bank Is Robbed.

Pontiac, Ill., July 31.—The Taylor State bank at Emington, northeast of here, was robbed. The safe blowers opened 200 private safety deposit boxes and took Liberty bonds valued at \$10,000.

CHICAGO HOTEL WATCHMAN CONFESSES TO CRIME.

Choked Child to Death in His Room and Buried the Body in Coal in Basement.

Chicago, July 29.—Thomas Fitzgerald murdered six-year-old Janet Wilkinson.

He enticed her into his flat with candy. He made advances. She screamed. He choked her to death. Then he buried her body in the coal pile in the basement of the building.

He confessed the crime to Acting Lieut. Fred Howe at the Chicago avenue station, where he had been held since 1 a. m. Wednesday, 12 hours after Janet vanished. Then he helped the police to find the corpse.

His confession came abruptly at the end of the most remarkable grilling in the history of crime. It lasted throughout the entire night. It was a veritable "fourth degree" in which psychology played a leading part.

A detective dressed as a priest had tried to induce Fitzgerald to confess. The man said he had nothing to tell.

Tiny hands, taken from dolls, were laid before him on a table in the dimly lighted basement of the police station as an appeal to his feelings. This failed.

Kind words, threats, thousands of questions and suggestions were fired at him with machine gun regularity. The ordeal had endured eight hours when he called for Acting Lieutenant Howe.

"Send Mr. Howe down here," he said simply. Then he confessed everything.

RANSOM PAID FOR AMERICAN

Demand of Mexican Bandits Is Met by Ranchman for Release of Fourteen-Year-Old Son.

Washington, July 29.—Acting upon the advice of the Mexican government, John West Thompson, an American ranchman living near Mexico City, has paid the 1,500 pesos ransom demanded by bandits for the release of his fourteen-year-old son, the state department is advised. The Mexican authorities said they feared the bandits would murder the boy unless they received the money.

STRIKE THROWS 100,000 OUT

Situation at Scranton, Pa., Is Serious—Whole Lackawanna Valley Without Electricity.

Scranton, Pa., July 31.—The industrial situation in the Lackawanna valley assumed a critical phase. The strike has practically shut off the operations of the Scranton Electric company. Industry after industry has been forced to quit, and it is estimated that more than 100,000 workers are idle.

CHICAGO TRAVELS ON FOOT

Employees of the Surface and Elevated Lines Walk Out After Week's Conference.

Chicago, July 30.—Chicago is walking. After a week of fruitless conference between heads of the trolley men's unions and company officials the order was given for a walkout and the surface and elevated cars were run in to the barns. The men demand 85 cents an hour, an eight-hour day, 60 per cent of the runs to be straight time and one-half for overtime.

Big Coal Strike Still On.

London, Aug. 1.—An attempt to settle the Yorkshire coal strike proved unsuccessful. The conference of mine owners and strikers, held in Leeds, at which it was hoped a solution of the difficulty might be reached, failed.

Spain May Join the League.

Madrid, Aug. 1.—The foreign minister introduced a bill in the senate empowering the government to adhere to the League of Nations and the international labor agreement as incorporated in the treaty of Versailles.

SENATE GIVEN FRENCH TREATY

Wilson Urges Ratification, Explaining Pact Is for Immediate Protection.

CITES U. S. DEBT TO ALLY

Franco-American Treaty Is Almost Identical With One Signed Between Great Britain and France—Purpose of Pact.

Washington, July 31.—President Wilson transmitted to the senate the special treaty with France by which the United States pledges itself to come immediately to the aid of that republic in the event of an unprovoked attack by Germany, and asked for its early ratification "along with the treaty with Germany."

Submission of the treaty came after sharp criticism by senate Republicans, who for several days had openly charged on the senate floor that in failing to present the draft of the pact along with the treaty of Versailles, the president had violated one of the articles of the document. The president did not follow the usual custom of presenting the treaty in person.

The Franco-American treaty is almost identical with one signed between Great Britain and France. One difference between the texts, as made public by the French foreign office, to which attention has been called, is that the United States pledges itself to go "immediately" to the assistance of France, while Great Britain "consents" to assist that country.

The president told the senate the purpose of the treaty was to provide assistance for France in case of unprovoked aggression by Germany without waiting for the advice of the council of the League of Nations that such action should be taken, and explained that it was to be an arrangement, "not independent of the League of Nations, but under it."

"The covenant of the League of Nations," the president said, "provides for military action for the protection of its members only upon the advice of the council of the league—advice given, it is to be presumed, only upon deliberation and acted upon by each of the governments of the member states only if its own judgment justifies such action."

Pointing out that the treaty "shall receive the approval of the council of the league," the president said it would remain in force "only until, upon the application of one of the parties to it, the council of the league, acting, if necessary, by a majority vote, shall agree that the provisions of the covenant of the league afford her (France) sufficient protection."

Mr. Wilson said he was moved to sign the treaty by the ties of friendship binding the two countries and the assistance France gave America in its struggle for independence. Without this assistance, the president said, it was seriously to be doubted whether America could have won independence, and added:

"Nothing can pay such a debt."

AURORA AND ELGIN MEN OUT

Interurban Employees Vote to Strike at Two O'Clock Wednesday Morning—Many Towns Affected.

Chicago, July 31.—Employees of the Aurora, Elgin & Chicago interurban road voted yesterday to go on strike at two o'clock this morning. This will mean a complete tie-up of all transportation on the "third-rail" line. Elgin, West Chicago, Wheaton, Glen Ellyn, Villa Park and Lombard will be without light and many large industrial plants in those vicinities will be without power, as they are supplied with electricity from the interurban dynamos.

KILLS HIS FATHER-IN-LAW

Iowa Man Then Shoots Mother-in-Law and Wife Near Town of Kesley.

Waterloo, Ia., July 29.—Sam Bloom, a farmer living near Kesley, was shot and killed by his son-in-law, Anton Boelkes, who hid in the haymow and attacked Bloom without warning when he went out to do his chores. After killing Bloom, Boelkes went to the house and shot his mother-in-law and wife.

Mrs. Bloom, who is about fifty years old, is in a critical condition.

Kills Wife and Himself.

Pontiac, Mich., July 31.—George Near, twenty-two, London, Ont., shot and killed his young wife and then committed suicide in a field near the state hospital for insane here. Mrs. Near left her husband three weeks ago.

Fund for Presbyterian Colleges.

Stony Brook, N. Y., Aug. 1.—A special endowment fund of \$2,000,000 for Presbyterian colleges in the United States and another of \$1,000,000 for aged and disabled pastors will be included in next year's budget.

Matricide Hangs Self.

Creston, Ia., Aug. 1.—Roy Emerson, convicted July 19 of the murder of his mother, killed himself by hanging. Emerson had been at liberty for a week, pending his appeal to the Iowa supreme court.

NEWS NOTES OF INTEREST TO EVERYONE IN NEBRASKA

Louis Gibson, Ansley man, who was sentenced to serve a military sentence after having been tried and found guilty of sleeping on duty, arrived at his home at Ansley just recently. His sentence was commuted after Nebraska friends had taken to the war department the facts in his case and had demanded his release.

Two Seward chaps who were fined for illegal fishing the other day got it back at the game warden who "pinched" them by filing a complaint against the officer for running his auto without a tail light. The guardian of the law was assessed \$3.90. The fishermen paid a total of \$9.40.

Lack of water caused by the breaking of a float valve, which controlled a watering tank, caused the death of sixty head of thoroughbred Hereford cattle valued at \$25,000 in the herd of Benda brothers, near Osceola. The Bendas failed to visit the pasture for more than a week and did not discover the accident to the tank.

After beating his wife to death with a stove poker Fred Hockmeier, wealthy farmer of near Leigh, hung himself from the roof of a wagon-shed near the house where the murder was committed. The night prior to the tragedy the couple quarrelled about a calf getting on the lawn.

E. L. Krause, a Lincoln aviator, was killed and E. L. Wilmoth, also of Lincoln, was seriously injured when an airplane occupied by the two men fell 200 feet near Fremont. They were making a flight from Lincoln to Fremont when the accident occurred.

An electric company at Milford is constructing a line to Wilber down the Blue river. If enough subscribers for lights can be obtained the line will be run as far south as De Witt and Plymouth. Plymouth has long been without a lighting plant.

Representatives of the highway departments of Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, Colorado, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri and Texas have joined hands and propose to work as a unit that will result in better roads in the states named.

State headquarters of the G. A. R. at Lincoln expects 1,000 people from Nebraska will journey to Columbus, Ohio, for the national encampment of the G. A. R., Sons of Veterans and allied organizations September 7 to 13.

Some sort of a hitch has occurred between the York and Hamilton county boards which may delay the completion of the S. Y. A. federal aid highway between Aurora and York until next year.

The Nebraska railway commission has authorized telephone companies to charge Burleson installation rates until a hearing October 15, when new state rates will be determined.

L. I. Fusch, state club leader, has announced that one entire barn at the Nebraska state fair will be given over to swine exhibits by members of boys and girls' clubs.

Wheat fields in the vicinity of Big Springs are yielding splendidly and some estimates figure the district will produce around 2,000,000 bushels.

Over 100 citizens of Hooper and vicinity have petitioned the county board to enlarge the bridge over the Elkhorn river near Hooper.

Nebraska will be represented at the hearing at Washington, August 11, of the problems confronting electric railways of the country.

Gage county wheat fields are yielding better than had been expected. A good many fields are running twenty to thirty bushels to the acre.

President Wilson has been invited to visit Omaha when he makes a tour of the country, speaking in behalf of the league of nations.

Corn prices have soared over the \$2 mark at Omaha and grain exchange men say \$2.50 a bushel will be reached before long.

Governor McKelvie has accepted an invitation to speak at a conference of governors at Salt Lake City, August 18th.

An 80 acre farm near Lyons was sold the other day for \$450 per acre, a new top price for Burt county land. The five-mill court house levy which was voted on in Richardson county at a special election, carried by four votes.

Organization of a regiment of national guards to be known as the Eighth regiment, will soon be under way, according to Capt. H. C. Stein of Lincoln, U. S. disbursing officer.

The State Board of Control will require teachers at all state institutions to take a two weeks' short course in the psychology of abnormal children, to be given at the Beatrice institute for feeble-minded early this fall.

In issuing the call for a special session of the legislature, Governor McKelvie included nothing save the passage of a joint resolution ratifying the national woman suffrage amendment, and appropriation of expense of the session.

Saunders county, by voluntary subscriptions, has collected the county's share, \$20,000, for a state aid bridge across the Platte river at Yutan.

Automobile drivers in the state are warned to be aware of the new automobile law, which prohibits an automobile to be driven with a dealer's number for personal use.

Addison Wait, for some time adjutant of the soldiers' home at Grand Island, has been promoted to commandant of that institution and Rev. J. W. Watts of Valparaiso, has been appointed adjutant.

Reports reaching State Superintendent of Schools Clemmons at Lincoln indicate that many sections of Nebraska will experience a shortage of school teachers this fall. The shortage of teachers is said to be due to better pay offered in other lines of work.

The state fair management has secured an attraction at the 1919 exhibition Lieutenant Omer Lockelar, the flyer who leaps from one airplane to another while several thousand feet in the air, crawls all over the plane when in motion and who does a lot of other stunts.

Representatives of all telephone companies doing business in Nebraska are called to meet at the office of the state railway commission in Lincoln, October 15, to show cause if they object to the commission putting in force installation, move and change-of-name charges to be applied generally.

Dry rains in the west are given as the cause of the breaking of two records for cattle receipts at the South Omaha live stock market during the past week. The high mark for a single day was 29,783.

E. E. Stauffer, president of Midland college, has returned to Fremont from Philadelphia, where he obtained the official sanction of Lutherans of America to the transfer of the college from Atchison to Fremont.

Members of the Tribe of Ben Hur, fraternal organization, are in a campaign to have the western headquarters of the order established in Omaha, where a new \$500,000 home will be erected.

Sam Maxwell of near Fremont harvested \$1,500 worth of potatoes from a patch a little less than five acres in size. The big yield was due to treatment of the seed and spraying the vines, he claims.

Although wheat is reaching the Omaha market at the rate of 300,000 to 500,000 bushels a day, railroad freight officials are of the opinion that there will be no congestion at the terminal.

Funeral services for Lt. Charles Lamborn, Nebraska flyer, killed while employed as a government air mail carrier when he fell 6,000 feet near Dix Run, Pa., were held at Minden.

The United States army transport train traveling from Washington, D. C., to San Francisco crossed the Missouri at Omaha on a pontoon bridge constructed by its own engineers.

The top price for Dodge county land was reached the other day when a 120-acre tract near Fremont sold for \$475 per acre. Three years ago the same farm sold for \$200 an acre.

Twenty Nebraska broom manufacturers have requested the state board of control to abolish the penitentiary broom plant, which they claim is ruining their business.

Orchardists of southeastern Nebraska claim the apple crop this year will more than double that of 1918. The yield is expected to be about 60 per cent normal.

Fremont, Ord and Central City are the latest Nebraska cities to inaugurate a movement to buy an airplane to make daily flights over the city.

Nearly \$4,000 dropped into the treasury of Richardson county when Sheriff McNulty sold four automobiles taken from booze runners.

Nebraska's prospects for a bumper corn crop are still excellent despite the hot, dry weather, according to crop experts.

A contract has been let for marking the Goldenrod highway from Nebraska City to Oxford, a distance of 300 miles.

Harvest hands by the hundreds are daily leaving Nebraska for work in the wheat fields of Minnesota and South Dakota.

Fremont is soon to have another daily newspaper. It is to be established by the Fremont Publishing Co.

Actual construction will begin on Red Cloud's new \$50,000 auditorium and sales pavilion in a few days.

Workmen are busy at Wahoo making preparations to lay a total of about forty blocks of paving.

The city of Lincoln has inaugurated a movement to acquire the street railway lines of the capital.

Work is progressing rapidly on the new Cornhusker highway through Saunders county.

But one week is left for candidates to the constitutional convention to get their petitions filed.

Omaha expects to have air mail service from the east the latter part of next October.

Walhill is to have a community sales pavilion, which will seat about 700 people.

A movement is under way to transfer the Danish Lutheran college at Blair to Omaha.

Laurel has let a contract for 20,000 yards of paving to cost about \$82,000.

The state prison board has refused a recommendation of pardon to George Davenport, who has served two years of his ten-year sentence from Clay county for an offense against a 10-year-old girl.

Dr. F. M. Fling, professor of history at the University of Nebraska, who has been commissioned by the government to write a history of America's part in the world war, is now in Washington, gathering first-hand material on the senate's ratification of the peace treaty.

The recently formed branch of the American Legion at Hartington has been granted its charter, giving it the honor of being the fourth in the state to perfect its organization. Omaha, Lincoln and Fremont are the first three on the list.

Farmers of Brown county are quite disappointed in their wheat crops. Early in the spring the outlook for a bumper crop was splendid, but the three weeks' dry spell in June greatly reduced the production. Prospects for a good corn crop in the county are fair.