IOWANS VICTIMS OF GRAFT GANG

MANY FARMERS AND CATTLE RAISERS SWINDLED.

LOSSES NEAR TEN MILLIONS

Five Concerns in Hawkeye State Branches of French System, Forced into Bankruptcy.

Chicago.-New swindles, which may tota: \$10,000,000, were credited to Charies W. French and his associates in "Bank Wreckers, Ltd.," by Assistant United States District Attorney John V. Clinnin.

lowa farmers and cattle raisersscores of them-are reported to be the victims.

Four men, one named in a confesston by Alva E. Harshman, former secretary to French, are under fire in the new investigation, following involbankruptcy proceedings against five concerns, all of lowa.

Col. Clinnin received a telegram from lows tuthorities, telling of the operations of the band and asking for co-operation in prosecuting the four. He will send special investigators to Iowa. The men under fire are: Harvey Beeson, named by Harshman; S. 8. Meservey, E. K. Cook and M. B. Cohen.

The concerns, all of which were forced into bankruptcy, are: Bankers Loan Company, DesMoines; Bankers Mortgage company, Cedar Rapids; Parmers Cattle and Loan company, Council Bluffs; Missouri Valley Cattle Loan company and the Associated Producers, Des Moines.

Beeson is reported under indictment at Lann City, Ia., charged with fraud. Col. Clinnin refused to comment on the connection with French and his \$50,000,000 operations pending more thorough investigation.

Another wire received by Col. Clinnin from John E Bennett, of Sap operations on the Pacific coast some years ago when he was promoting the "big idea" involving a \$500,000,000 investment in mines, smelters, railroads, steamships and banks.

dent Grant.

The specific deal related by Bennett told of \$150,000 in promissory notes given French by W. S. Tevis, of San Francisco, and Bakersfield Tevis is reported to have suffered a loss of \$35,000 in the deal. He is alleged to have given the notes to French when the latter promised to discount them through Chicago banks, a service for which he was to receive \$25,000.

Wilson Steadily Coming Back. Washington, D. C .- That Woodrow Wilson, former president of the United States, is steadily coming back into his own physically was demonstrated. After having gone to see a vaudeville show at B. F. Keith's theater, walking into and out of the playhouse unassisted, he stood up in an open automobile and waved his hat in response to the plaudits of a large crowd of theatergoers on the G street side of the playhouse.

Woman to Be Daugherty's Ald. Washington, D. C.-Appointment of Mrs. Mabel Walker Willebrandt, of Los Angeles, as an assistant attorney ceneral, will be recommended to President Harding by Attorney General Daugherty. The appointee will succeed Mrs. Annette Abbott Adams, of San Fransico, who was the first woman to hold office as an assistant attorney general

Ships Bids Rejected. Washington, D. C .- The shipping board has rejected all bids on four-

seen former German vessels and instructed the officer in charge of sales to open negotiations with the bidders on an all cash basis. The ships will be sold "as is" and "where is," it was

Fifty Reported Killed.

Rome.-Fifty persons are reported to have been killed and many seriously injured when a passenger train collided with a freight train ten miles from Rome.

Spain Abandons U. S. Recruiting. Washington, D. C .- Recruiting in the United States by Spanish officials r Moroccan service has been suspended on orders from Madrid, the Spanish embassy announced.

Theater Bombed in Chicago. Chicago.-A bomb explosion in the Oclumbia theater shook the entire usiness district. The theater was empty at the time. Several persons ere reported, however, to have been njured by flying glass. According to the police, the explosion was due to

The bomb had been placed at the estrance to the stage door in an alley. The force of the blast shattered the eavy steel door and broke hundreds of surrounding windows. The interior of the theater was not damaged.

A Life Saver



MINERS SEIZE A TRAIN; ARMED MEN ARE ABOARD

Boone County Authorities Wire State Banks, Bond Houses and Security Officials at Charleston That Situation is Tense.

Charleston, W. Va.-Coal miners. rebelling against union officials, caper train at Danville and started it were shot. The situation is tense. officials by Boone county authorities W. French and John W. Worthington. by telephone.

dent Harding was keeping close watch agents, it was declared. of developments.

by John L. Lewis, president of the surrendered to federal officials. United Mine Workers of America, to call a joint conference of mine work- was operating in Kansas City. Acers and operators of Mingo county, cording to John V. Clinnin, acting ings were rapidly receding. A major-Fransico, related some of French's West Virginia, with the view of reach- district attorney, all of the notes ising an agreement that would end the sued by the band were disposed of by industrial conflict that has continued the Securities Company of Kansas saved. Those which were ruined by

there for several months. Mr. Lewis' message proposed that the conference first consider abolish-Gen. Harrison Gray Otis. former ment of what he termed the guard sysewner of the Los Angeles Times, was tem maintained by operators through the company, according to Mr. Clin- its crest. A preliminary survey after named by Bennett as one who listened a private detective agency, and second nir, were signed by seven men. Worth- the water had receded set the damage favorably to Frenchs proposition, as that it consider an adjustment beington, Harshman, Evans, Denicke, at \$150,000. did the late U. S. Grant, son of Presi- tween the operators and miners union French, a man named Middleton and upon any honorable basis which can

oe found." In concluding his message of more han 600 words. Mr. Lewis pledged he co-operation of the international anion "in an honorable attempt to adjust the Mingo county situation," and offered to arrange for the miners' representation A any conference called by President Harding.

Madison, W. Va.-The merch of siners from Marmet to Mingo, in protest against marital law, came to an and when President C. F. Kenney, of District 17, United Mine Workers of America, induced 500 or 600 of the men to agree to return to their homes Keeney said that special trains would be provided for the men here while the thousands along the road between Madison and Peyton had already tak

on the back track. A meeting of the advance guard of about 200 was held in the baseball park here, the men occupying the grand stand Enough stragglers came in along the Peyton-Madison road to swell the gathering to about 600.

Broken Parts Merely Spliced. New York.-Girders of the ZR-2 snapped when the dirigible first was inflated and were never properly re placed, Frank M. Gorey, former chief machinist's mate. U. S. N., and one of the original crew of the airship, de clared in a sworn copyrighted state ment published in the New York Daily News. Gorey alleged that 12 girders out of 25 broke. This was at Bedford. while the ship was under construction in 1919. The broken parts were merely spliced, he said

Hundreds of Villages Wrecked. Peking.-Hundreds of villages have been destroyed and thousands of persons left homeless by an overflow of the Hoang-Ho or Yellow river, which. after a month of heavy rainfall, has flooded large areas in the province of Shantung.

Plane Falls in Channel. London -An airplane carrying mail from London to Brussels fell into the English channel, a few miles off Calais, France, as the result of the explosion of its patrol tank. It is not known whether there were any fatal

Erzberger Killed by Two Youths. Berlin.-Mathias Erzberger, former vice premier and minister of finance, was murdered near Offenburg, Baden: where he was sojourning with his family. His body contained 12 bullet wounds. Herr Erzberger had left Bad-Griesback, where he took the cure, in company with the reichstag deputy, Diez, for a foot tour of the Black forest. An hour later both men Madden that the present traction comwere confronted by two youths who separated them and then emptied revolvers at Herr Ersberger, who was council at the time had no right to killed instantly

GIGANTIC SWINDLES ARE BLOCKED BY U. S. AGENTS

Brokers from Coast to Coast Victims of Gang.

Chicago - Worthless notes, stolen bonds, fraudulent deeds of trust and tured a Chesapeake and Ohio passeng- forged certificates of deposit running into untold millions of dollars have with several hundred armed men to been flung on the markets of the Blair, Logan county. Several persons country, federal agents declared after investigating the operations of a band This information was given to state alleged to have been headed by Chas.

Banks, bond houses, investment security brokers and wealthy business Washington, D. C .- Information men from coast to coast were defrom West Virginia was discussed at clared to have been victims of one of a meeting of the cabinet and after the most gigantic swindles ever unward it was made known that Presi-earthed by department of justice

The revelations resulted from a detalled confession accredited to Alva Indianapolis, Ind .- President Hard- W. Harshman, said to have been a ing was asked in a message sent him private secretary to French, and who

It was also revealed that the band City. That organization, he said, being stored in nonwaterproof vaults a Chicago attorney, David H. Roblin. Mr. Clinnin said that he would ask warrants for the arrest of Middleton and Roblin.

Worthington was arrested some weeks ago and is being held in \$100,000 bonds in connection with mail robberies totaling approximately \$6,000,-000. French, alleged to be his right hand man, was arrested with several of his assistants. C. K. Strobel was taken into custody in Akron, Oa., and A. E Strelzin was arrested in Milwaukee.

Two Die in Booze Fight. Duluth, Minn.-Frank Hicks, Du uth federal prohibition agent and an inidentified man were killed in a gun light between a band of alleged rum runners and government agents near international Falls, on the Canadian border, according to a report received by local authorities. Hicks is said to have been killed by a bootlegger, who an instant later, was slain by George King, a federal agent.

Sixty Excess Allens Deported. New York .- Sixty aliens, many of hem women, who had arrived in ex ess of the quota for August prescribed by the new restrictive immigraion law, were deported on the steam hip Italia Forty-five were Greeks nd the other from Syria, Turkey, Arnenia and Palestine. These were the first deported since the law became effective last June.

Sousa Rec wering Hearing. Philadelphia.-John Philip Sousa, he famous bandmaster, has been nade able to hear his own music it vas learned The bandmaster lately ias become a patient of an osteopathe physician of this city and, although e has received only two treatments, leclares he now hears much he form erly missed. In fact, he expects in a thort time to be restored to acuteness

Capper-Tincher Bill to Harding Washington.—The Capper-Tincher bill to halt gambling in grain and cotton futures was finally enacted. The Senate adopted the conference report on the measure soon after the House had taken similar action. The bill now goes to President Harding.

Rockford into Fight with Trolleys. Rockford, Ill -Corporation counsel D. D. Madden of Rockford was instructed by Mayor J. Herman Hallstrom to demaid from the Rockford Street Railway company a statement of what authority the traction company is now operating on local streets. The move followed the information given to council members by Mr. pany franchise is illegal. It was granted in 1898 for 25 years. The grant for more than 20 years

Government Sleuth Will Have Records of All Dangerous Criminals in a Central Agency.

New York .- William J. Burns, new lirector of the bureau of investigation of the department of justice, interlewed at Scarborough, said one of his first steps will be the organization of a central bureau of identification, where records of all dangerous criminals will be assembled for the information of government investigators and the police force of the country

Extradition of criminals and their subsequent trial in states other than in which they are arrested, away from all local "pull" or influence, would be materially aided by the proposed dentification bureau. In particular this bureau would enable the government to keep close tab on bolshevists and other avowed enemies of the government. Presumably the federal bureau would be in close touch with the national police forces of European countries and the identification and tracing of desperate criminals would be greatly facilitated.

It is regarded as certain that goverument agencies are close on the heels of the anarchists who arranged the bomb explosion in Wall street which killed thirty-nine innocent persons. Closer espionage will be observed in connection with the communists who are undoubtedly making many converts in the United States, and getting their agents in positions where they can do much harm, unless their claws and teeth are pulled.

One pleasing thing about the doctrine of violence preached by the communists, anarchists, I. W. W. and other poisonous elements, is the fact that up to the present time they have defeated their own murderous ends by fighting among themselves. Out of these battles there always emerge some soreheads, from whom the agents of the department of justice are able to get valuable information.

Flood Damage in Arizonia \$150,000.

Phoenix, Ariz.-The Phoenix flood s over. Waters which inundated the capitol grounds and flooded the basements and lower floors of state build ity of the records stored in the basements of the state buildings were would sell the notes and issue trust | were of slight value. Total damage agreements as a guarantee of the in to state property will be much less vestment. The agreements issued by than estimated when the flood was at

Wilson Cleared of Murder.

Sioux City, la.-Following a telephone communication between H M. Stoner, state agent, and W. R C. Kendrick, assistant state attorney general. Max Wilson, 26 years old charged with the murder of Walter A. Lapham on the night of July 26, was released from the county jail Wilson's explanation as to his whereabouts on the night of the murder satisfied state sleuths that the youthful Hawarden, la., garage proprietor was not the man who shot Mr. Lap-

Woman's Kidnapers Active.

New York .- Police started on the trail of a daylight kidnaping gang which operates near the Greenwich village district of New York abducting women. The latest crime charged to it is the kidnaping of Mrs Antoinette Larue Kane, beautiful 19-year-old French wife of Thomas J Kane. She was snatched into an automobile while crossing Broadway near Washington place in Broad daylight, the police have been informed.

Farmers' Aid Passes House.

Washington -With a number of amendments the Senate bill, which would make \$1,000,000,000 available through the war finance corporation for stimulating exportation of agricultural products was passed by the House.

Britain Formally Accepts Invitation.

Washington, D. C .- Formal acceptince by the British government of the invitation to participate in the Washington conference on limitation of armament and far eastern questions was received by Secretary Hughes.

100 Killed in Brazilian Riot.

Buenos Aires.-One hundred per sons are reported to have been killed by soldiers in the course of an uprising in the village of Matta, Brazil.

Storm Kills Two in Wisconsin. Milwaukee.-Two persons were killed and 50 to 100 injured in a devastating storm which swept over Wisconsin.

Many Believed Killed in Fire. Macon, Ga.-Three persons are known to have lost their lives in a fire which destroyed the Brown House, a frame hotel here, and firemen expressed the belief the death list would be materially increased when the ruins of the structure had been explored. Approximately 20 of the 150 guests of the hotel were injured. The guest register was destroyed and there is no way of checking up the number of dead. Firemen and police, assisted by volunteers, were searching the ruins for bodies.

PLANS WAR ON REDS NEBRASKA IN BRIEF

Parts of the State, Reduced for the Busy.

The loan of practically \$2,000,000 will be a hearing within a few days. which the Nye-Schneider-Fowler Co. of Fremont requested of their creditors, consisting of bankers in Omaha, Chicago, New York City, Milwaukee and Kansas City, will be granted, according to a statement made by F. H. Davis, president of the First National bank, and representatives of the Omaha banks. The amount to be obtained from Omaha bankers is said to be practically \$150,000, the balance being furnished principally by Chicago banks, "With this loan the organization will be able to take care of the Nebraska harvest," declared President Davis. "It would have been a serious loss to the Nebraska farmers if this concern, with its 190 elevators in the state, had been forced to the wall."

With payment of taxes slow and little revenue in the state treasury promised in the near future, D. B. Cropsey, state treasurer, in a letter to Governor McKelvie forecasted the possible need of registering state warrants and paying interest until the treasury is repleted. He also recommended the utmost economy in the handling of various state institutions during the lean months and suggested curtailment of public road work.

About thirty-five boys between the ages of 6 and 12, of Central City, will be made happy on September 2 when, accompanied by L. W. Carl, Y. M. C. A. secretary, they will be taken to Grand Island to enjoy the Ringling Brothers circus. Funds to finance the expedition were collected from business men and the Independent Baseball club.

All indications point to the fact that the sugar making campaign will commence early this year in the North Platte valley. So at least is the information given out by the Great Western Sugar company, who have factories at Scottsbluff, Gering, Bayard and Mitchell.

Three hundred and twenty-five Nebraska farmers had signed contracts with the United States Grain Growers Inc., at the close of the first two weeks' and half of the membership campaign according to an announcement made from the office of state headquarters at Lincoln.

The United States bureau of markets and the Nebraska bureau of markets and marketing are moving their field equipment from Kearney to Alliance to issue a daily potato bulletin at that place.

school building will commence at an early date. Bonds in the sum of \$25,-000 were voted at a special election recently.

The third State Convention of the American Legion, Nebraska department, will be held in Fremont, September 29, 30 and October 1. Reduced rates from all points in Nebraska has been granted.

This year's convention of Nebraska Sheriffs was held at North Platte. Following the business session a picnic was held in a grove two miles from

The Scribner Agriculture Society will hold their annual fair this year, September 14, 15 and 16. Secretary moisture, has cut the crop short fully Sievers announces many new features 15 per cent. for this year's fair.

Grain from Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota and Kansas is moving to the Omaha grain market in large quanti-

The Franklin county fair will be held September 13 to 16. Several new buildings are being erected for the care of stock and poultry. A new Methodist Church to .ost

\$90,000 will be erected in Fremont and it is expected to get the building well under way before cold weather. The melon crop in Pawnee county

and the surrounding country is a real bumper. Watermelons and cantaloupes are plentiful.

The new lighting system at Stratton has been completed and the change from direct to alternating current has been made.

The new \$40,000 Methodist Church at Stromberg has been dedicated. The building is modern in every particular.

Fremont boosters, numbering about 50, have been motoring to the various sections of the state.

A. J. Jorgenson of Sidney has been appointed receiver of the Nebraska State bank of Sidney, which was closed on order of the state department of

trade and commerce. "Two ladies' ball teams have been spectators the view of their lives. So far men have been used for the bat-

at an early date. School district No. 35, a consolidation of three schools of Cheyenne, Deuel and Garden counties, has just voted \$25,000 bonds for the purpose of erecting a modern rural high school building to be located in Garden

county. The McDowell oil well southwest of ond vein that has flowed over the top up struck at 387 feet.

Upon the application of Carl Modesitt, holder of more than \$15,000 worth of stock in the big concern, the Peters Trust Co., of Omaha was Timely News Culled From All Abbott-Nieman Milling Co. of Schuyler. The bond for the Peters Trust was placed at \$50,000 by Federal Judge Woodrough, who signed the order and announced that there

Earl W. Porter, president of the Omaha branch of the Aero Club of America, announced that the Pulitzer trophy race for 1921 will be held at Omaba during the International Aero Congress, November 3, 4 and 5. Leading flyers from all parts of the world will enter the meet in order to take part in this race. The meeting is the first of the kind ever held in the United States.

Jack Christopher, 20, may lose the sight of one eye and Miss Grace Purdy suffered head wounds when they were fired on while automobile riding with another Homer couple. It is said they were fired on by the sons of a prominent farmer who were guarding the watermelon patch.

"The finest oil drilling, rig ever brought into Nebraska" is the report of oil men who have visited the location of the outfit being erected by the Lakeside Development company at a point a short distance west of the town of Lakeside, on the Burlington railroad and Potash highway, about twenty-five miles east of Alliance.

Mrs. Frank Foster of Central City has received a bronze victory medal, together with a letter from King George of England, in honor of her son, Forest Jasper, who fell in action while serving with the Canadian forces, on October 1, 1916. The medal which is a large bronze affair, is inscribed: "Died for Freedom and Honor."

Twenty per cent of the telephone subscribers of Monroe will order their phones out when the increase in telephone rates granted by the state railway'commission goes into effect, it was stated here this morning. As yet no definite action has been taken.

The Platte river roundup at Sutherland drew a record breaking crowd. Besides the usual features of the rodeo, the program included a cattle roundup, complete in every detail, and an Indian attack on an immigrant train.

A crowd variously estimated at over 3,000 attended a farmers' pienic 12 miles west of Grand Island. The main speakers were Mr. Osborne, on behalf of the Farmers union and Mr. Heaton of the Federated Farm bureaus.

a small cyclone passed through a strip of country between Cortland and Pickrell, unroofing many of the farm buildings, and leveling telegraph and telephone wires to the ground. The Ground is being broken and work storm was about half a mile in width, As far as known no fatalities occurre L

Sheriff J. C. Emery of Gage county is in receipt of a letter warning him that unless he resigns in the next twenty-six hours he will "receive a dose of lead." The sheriff has been conducting an active campaign against bootleggers.

Secretary Trimble is receiving a long list of entries for the horse races that are scheduled for Ak-Sar-Hen track. September 13-17. Some of the fastest horses in the country will be entered.

Excessive hea, and hot south winds has damaged the corn crop in the vicinity of Beatrice. Unfavorable weather the last week, with lack of

The city council of Plattsmouth is arranging to purchase additional acreage adjoining its undeveloped park, and provide a camping ground as well as a municipal children's playground.

The year's heat records were broken Monday in Nebraska when the thermometer climbed steadily until in the middle of the afternoon 't reached 106 degrees.

The Alliance potash plant at Antloch, built in 1917 at a cost of approximately \$600,000, was sold at a sheriff's sale at Antioch to Herman J. Krause for \$32,600. Fire at Hardy destroyed three build-

ings and the entire stock of the Fair & Byran Hardware Store. The loss is estimated at \$20,000.

Andrew Hans, 54, farmhand on the Philip Lindstrom place, north of Ames, fell from a haystack and was dead when picked up.

The city council of North Platte has let the contract for a sanitary main sewer to the North Platte Plumbing & Heating Co., for \$53,000.

Next year a new system of numbering automobile licenses will be in effect under a plan being worked out by George JoJhnson, secretary of the department of public works at Lincoln. Each county will have a key numorganizing in Fairbury and are giving ber and all cars in that county will run in serials. Douglas county's key number will be 1. The first auto ownteries as the ladies do not feel com- er to get his license from the Douglas petent as yet to do in the pitching county treasurer will be given a and catching. One of the teams is license plate numbered "1-1," the next called the Blacks and the other the to apply will get license plate num-Reds. They are trying to arrange a bered "1-2," and so on. The same game with the Plymouth Bloomer Girls system will be carried out in the other counties of the state.

Nearly all of the talent of Cheyenne's frontier days' celebration will appear at Seward August 30 to September 2 in the first show of this kind ever to be produced in this section of Nebraska.

One thousand five hundred and sixty-one feet of strong wire fence, ten Fairbury struck another vein of ar- feet tall, with six sloping strands of tesian water recently, making the sec- the worst kind of barbed wire known to the wild animal trade, is to be of the well. This water was struck erected by the board of control around at a depth of 980 feet. It was shut the men's reformatory at Lincoln. off with casing and drilling proceeded. It will be strong enough to keep chick-A flow of artesian water was previous- ens in and also out, according to the belief of a member of the board.