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## Fate of Men in Mexico a Mystery

### U. S. Government Without Advices Concerning 40 Americans Kidnaped by Rebel Band Near Tampico.

### Authorities Are Puzzled

Washington, June 28.—(By A. P.)—What may have happened to 40 American employes of the Cortez Oil company, captured by rebels near Tampico and held with the company's property for ransom, remained a mystery tonight, although the rebel raid occurred last Sunday morning. No further word has come from Consul Shaw at Tampico or from any other official or unofficial source since the consular dispatch of Monday saying that lives of the 40 Americans and $250,000 in destructible property were held as security on 48 hours' notice for a payment of 15,000 pesos.

Department officials would not admit in any formal way that they felt any uneasiness because of the lack of information. It was indicated that delay in a complete clearing up of the situation was not regarded as unusual. There is known to be considerable perplexity here, however, over the fact that Consul Shaw has not informed the State department as to steps taken by the Mexican federal authorities to obtain release of captive Americans.

**Time Limit Expires.**

The period granted Gorozave, the rebel chief, for payment of the ransom had elapsed even before the department's advices were made known here. Directions to the embassy in Mexico and to the consul to insist on adequate protection for American rights and settlement and upon punishment of the raiders went forward. So far as known late today, no further word had come from any quarter to disclose what developed Tuesday morning when the time limit expired.

The Washington government today still withheld any step that might lead the way to demands that the Mexican government give the Americans in jeopardy protection. The attitude at the State department was the reports now available, serious as the situation appeared to be on the face of Consul Shaw's message, did not justify as yet dispatching warships to Mexican waters or any similar step. Nothing has yet come to hand indicating that the Obregon government is not, as it is expected to do in the circumstances, dealing with the Gorozave coup in a way to safeguard American lives and property.

**Advices Do Not Agree.**

There is one point in which the message of Consul Shaw does not check up with what was previously understood in official circles here to be the situation in the Tampico region. The consul's message said there were no rebel Mexican forces in the vicinity of the Aguarda camp of the Cortez Oil company, where the raid and capture took place. Other reports indicate that there are at least 2,500 Mexican federal troops in the Tampico region.

Until recently there were approximately 15,000 Mexican federals in the Tampico district. The troop concentration there was one of the largest in the Mexican army, indicating the importance attached to maintaining firm hold of the oil regions by the Mexico City authorities and also presumably the condition of unrest prevailing in that region. Labor and other disturbances to the south of Tampico a short time ago resulted in the movement of considerable bodies of troops to other points. The result was a heavy reduction of the available forces near Tampico and it was this condition, it was pointed out here today, which probably gave Gorozave his opportunity.

In view of the serious consequences to the Mexican government any injury to the captive Americans would imply, however, it was argued that the government would feel it necessary to rush its forces back to the Tampico region in sufficient strength to guarantee protection of foreigners, should that course be pursued. It seemed more likely to officials here, however, that the payment demanded by Gorozave would be made and ultimately be assumed by the central government rather than that any untoward event should bring a rift in negotiations for diplomatic recognition of the Obregon government.

**One Man Released.**

Release of A. Bruce Bielaski, held for ransom by bandits near Cuernavaca, cleared that situation. Charge Summerlin reported Mr. Bielaski's release late today, saying he was "safe and well" and was expected to arrive in Mexico City tonight.

There is no question, however, that the Cortez Oil company incident has far more serious possibilities if full information sustains Consul Shaw's first message. No official comment was obtained here nor any indication as to how long the Washington government might be willing to wait for negotiations between the Mexican officials and the rebels to bring about release of the captives.

### Divorce Enters Home of Nebraska Champion Baby

Lincoln, June 28.—(Special.)—Divorce has entered the home of Nebraska's champion baby.

Charles Brown, father of Marjorie Fern Brown, who carried off the grand championship honors at the 1921 fair, instituted suit against Mrs. Lillie May Brown. The Browns were married at Council Bluffs, Ia., 23 years ago. There are six children in the family and the father asks for the custody of the minors. He charges that his wife has neglected her home and her children.

## Dawes Proves Economy in Government P[illegible]

### Director of Budget Says Business o[illegible]an Be Run More Economically Than Private Enterprise—Winds Up Work in Washington Preparatory to Return to Chicago.

By ARTHUR SEARS HENNING
Omaha Bee Leased Wire.

Washington, June 28.—"The government not only can be run as economically as a private business, but more economically than a private business."

Thus spoke Brig. Gen. Charles G. Dawes from a cloud of smoke as he cleared out his desk preparatory to relinquishing on Friday his position as director of the budget and going back to Chicago to resume management of the Central Trust company of Illinois.

"You know the story of the Nebraska merchant who never kept any books, but a check book," said the general. "The sheriff took over his business in due time. Well the United States government has been doing just that for more than 130 years, but has been rich enough to do it with impunity."

The government has never had a balance sheet, a fact that struck the business mind of Gen. Dawes with horror. Couldn't be done, said the bureaucrats. Nonsense, said Dawes. He drafted the services of 15 big business men on a dollar a year basis and set them to reorganizing the business methods of the departments. Some of them brought staffs of their own experts with them.

**First Balance Sheet.**

After nine months hard work a balance sheet was produced for the Postoffice department. The work is to continue under Gen. Dawes' successor, Gen. H. M. Lord, until each department has its own balance sheet.

The credit for his monumental achievement Gen. Dawes modestly gives to President Harding. The president was determined to overhaul the government machinery, eliminate wastefulness and save the taxpayers billions of dollars. When the bureaucrats perceived the president was in earnest, Gen. Dawes found a

Charles G. Dawes

clear road to the introduction of reforms. Continued success of the budget system depends on the sort of president who happens to be in office. If the president fails to back up the budget director, the system will crumble.

In the year of Gen. Dawes administration as the first director of the budget, government expenses have

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## President Calls Coal Operators to Washington

### Harding Invites Mine Owners to Parley With Miners' Representatives on Wage Conference.

Washington, June 28.—President Harding has decided to summon to Washington Saturday a group of representative coal operators from all parts of the United States to discuss with representatives of the miners' union the possibility of a conference to fix wage scales that would settle the coal strike.

An announcement explaining the proposal will be made later in the day. The arrangements were completed after conferences at the White House today in which Secretaries Davis and Hoover participated, while John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, who saw the president Monday, remained in the White House for the purpose of considering the matter.

**To Assemble at 10 A. M.**

The coming conference, which, it is understood, will assemble at 10 o'clock Saturday, will discuss solely what steps may be taken to get the wage negotiations on foot. To date the miners' union has demanded a national conference, while operators in general, refusing to enter such a gathering, have countered with proposals to meet in district conferences for separate district wage-fixing.

**Neither Side Yields.**

No official or authoritative indication, however, was given that the meeting President Harding is expected to call would find either party to the controversy yielding its stand as to the type of conference which finally would be accepted. The gathering Saturday will be entirely informal and devoted to discussing what sort of a basis might be adopted to bring the union officials and the employers' representatives into a joint negotiation empowered to fix a definite wage agreement, the agreement to be either a single national contract or a various number of separate district contracts.

President Lewis, who waited at the Department of Labor while Secretary Davis, in conference with the president, arranged the final details of the Saturday meeting announced that mine union representatives would respond to the appeal of the president for a preliminary conference.

Between 25 and 30 operators will be invited, it was said at the Department of Labor, and the conference

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### Circumstances of Shooting Told in Obenchain Trial

Los Angeles, June 28.—Circumstances of the shooting of J. Belton Kennedy in Beverly Glen on August 5 were related in the second trial of Mrs. Madalynne Obenchain for his murder by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Besenty, who live near the scene of the shooting. They repeated testimony given at the first trial of Mrs. Obenchain and the two trials of Arthur C. Burch, codfendant, all of which ended in disagreements.

Mrs. Mary D. Mond testified she had received letters from Paul Roman, inmate of Folsom penitentiary, to be delivered to Mrs. Obenchain. Roman testified he corresponded with the defendant after she had tried to persuade him to testify falsely that he overheard two men plotting to blackmail or slay Kennedy.

### Robbed of $65,000 in Gems.

St. Louis, June 28.—Morris Shinderman, Chicago diamond broker, today reported to the police that he had been robbed of $65,000 in diamonds and jewelry while en route to Mexico, Mo., yesterday.

## Democrats Split in Senate Fight Over Tariff Bill

### Rates on Cattle and Meats Written Into Measure by Republican Agricultural Bloc Approved.

Washington, June 28.—Rates on cattle and meats, written into the tariff bill with the approval of the republican-agricultural tariff bloc and ranging generally higher than those in the house measure, were approved by the senate by overwhelming majorities. Not only did the republicans vote solidly for the first time since the bill was called up, nine weeks ago, but there was the first real split in the democratic ranks.

Five roll calls were demanded during the day and all showed about the same results. The first was on the rates of 1 1-2 cents on cattle weighing less than 1,050 pounds and 2 cents a pound on cattle weighing more than that amount.

Senators La Follette of Wisconsin and Norris, Nebraska, republicans, who had constantly opposed duties in the bill, voted with the solid republican majority, while democrats who supported the committee amendment were Ashurst, Arizona; Jones, New Mexico; Kendrick, Wyoming; Pittman, Nevada, and Sheppard, Texas.

**Democrats Join Republicans.**

The second roll call was on the committee amendment to increase to 3 1-2 cents, the 2-cent rate proposed by the house on fresh beef and veal. The vote was 47 to 18, with 6 democrats voting with the solid republican majority. Senator Broussard, democrat, Louisiana, who had voted for the rates right along and who announced he would vote for the bill on its final passage, was the sixth democrat on this roll call.

Without record vote the senate approved rates of $2 a head on sheep and goats, as compared with 1 cent a pound in the house bill, and 2 1-2 cents a pound on fresh mutton and goat meat as compared with the house rate of 1 1-4 cents. The committee amendment to increase the duty on lamb from the 2 cents in the house bill to 5 cents, was approved on a roll call, 42 to 18.

The senate then voted 43 to 16 to increase to 2 cents a pound the house rate of 1 1-4 cents on bacon, hams, shoulders and other pork, prepared or preserved. Next it approved, 37 to 16, a rate of 5 cents a pound on lard compounds and lard substitutes. The house rate was 20 per cent ad valorem on American valuation.

**Raise House Rate.**

There was no contest over the proposition to raise to 4 cents, the house rate of 1 1-2 cents a pound on reindeer meat, venison and other game, Chairman McCumber of the finance committee, explaining that this was in the nature of a luxury tax. There was also little contest over the "basket clause" duty of 20 per cent ad valorem on meats, fresh, prepared or preserved, not specially provided for.

### Fremont Stops Nuisance Due to Sewage Disposal

Fremont, Neb., June 28.—(Special.) Telegram.)—In obedience to orders handed down by the Dodge county district court and the state supreme court, the city of Fremont has taken steps toward abating the nuisance declared to be present in the Rawhide creek as the result of the sewer system in this city. A report, in explanation of the work, has been filed in district court, showing that the alleged nuisance has been done away with.

## Four Courts Stormed by Irish Force

### Fierce Battle Rages in Dublin as Government Troops Seek to Oust Rory O'Connor's Insurgents.

### Rebels Defy Regulars

**Dublin, June 28.—Machine gun and artillery fire was still in progress at 6:30 p. m., in the fighting here between the provisional government troops and the insurgents.**

**The provisional government has imposed a censorship upon telegrams.**

**London, June 28.—A Dublin dispatch to the Evening Standard says that after some hours of fighting many of the insurgent Irish troops under Rory O'Connor are retreating.**

**The correspondent in a later dispatch says he understands the insurgent garrison in the Fowler Memorial hall has capitulated to the provisional government forces.**

**Dublin, June 28.—(By A. P.)—The Irish provisional government took forceful action today against the insurgents of the Irish republican army, invading the Four Courts building where the insurgents were entrenched and opening a hot attack when a demand for surrender was ignored.**

**The fighting, which opened shortly after 4 a. m., was still in progress late this forenoon, the crack of rifle fire and the rattle of the machine guns resounding over Dublin above the noise of the city's traffic, which was being carried on as usual.**

Fowler Hall, on Parnell Square, occupied by irregulars, also was attacked by the Irish government troops.

The number of casualties on either side was not known definitely, but 14 had been reported up to midforenoon.

**Artillery in Action.**

Artillery was employed by the provisional troops, at least one 18-pounder having been in action, and considerable damage was reported to have been done the insurgents' stronghold. This had been strongly fortified by the irregulars, who replied vigorously to the fire of the attacking parties. Machine guns were being freely used by both sides.

The entire city was awakened by the din, even to the remote suburbs.

The battle began at dawn between the republicans and the irregulars under Rory O'Connor. Armored cars, trench mortars and machine guns were brought into action.

At 8:30 o'clock the copper dome on the Four Courts had been blown in, ambulances were dashing about in all directions, and the scene was one of indescribable confusion.

The garrison of the Four Courts and the Fowler Memorial were replying vigorously to the attackers' fire, and refusing all demands to surrender.

**Searched for Arms.**

From the early hours, there had been considerable activity by the regular troops in all parts of the city, people being held up and searched for arms.

Eighty civilians were observed outside the Four Courts, digging up the road, guarded by an armored car.

Five hundred regular troops with armored cars and military ambulances passed through Westmoreland street into Sackville street, one party going into Henry street and another into Abbey street, from both of which the rear of the Four Courts can be approached.

Shortly after 4 o'clock there was a heavy outburst of firing in the neighborhood of the Four Courts, followed by a loud explosion and a number of rifle shots in quick succession, and it was evident that O'Connor's stronghold was being attacked.

### Farmer Near Oshkosh Killed by Lightning

Oshkosh, Neb., June 28.—(Special.)—Elmer Keckley, 32, a farmer on the South Table, was instantly killed by lightning. He had gone after the milk cows about 8, riding a horse. After he had been gone for some time, his wife became uneasy and started a search. Later the hunt was taken up by neighbors in cars.

Aboue midnight, Keckley's body was found, the horse he was riding and one cow having been killed by the same bolt. Besides his wife, he is survived by two children, one an infant about two weeks old.


## Real Estate Offerings

*In Today's Bee*

The dealers listed below have selected offerings in today's Bee. Turn to the Want Ads.

Glover & Spain
J. J. Mulvihill
C. G. Carlberg.
American Security Co.
D. E. Buck Co.
Amos Grant Co.
C. E. Belman
W. H. Gates
Benson & Carmichael
Norris & Norris
Fike & Price
Shopen & Co.
W. Farnam Smith Co.
Byron Reed Co.
Charles W. Martin
H. A. Wolf Co.
Hansen Investment Co.
Grove-Hibbard Co.
Shuler & Cary
Osborne Real Estate Co.
Rasp Bros.
H. W. Volland
Payne & Carnaby
Payne Investment Co.
O'Keefe Real Estate Co.
C. B. Schleicher
Schroeder Investment Co.
Hastings & Hayden
Glover & Morrell
George & Co.
R. F. Clary Co.
Equitable Trust Co.
Seavey-Hudson Co.


## I Hope This One Will Hatch

## Reavis Resigns to Protest Acts of F. A. Harrison

### Brazilian Commission Affairs Become More Muddled as State Department Investigates Charges.

BY GEORGE F. AUTHIER.
Washington Correspondent Omaha Bee.

Washington, June 28.—(Special Telegram.)—Joseph C. Reavis of Falls City, Neb., nephew of former Representative Reavis, and secretary to Frank A. Harrison, commissioner of the Brazilian Exposition commission, today resigned from the commission. Mr. Reavis frankly admitted that his action is a protest against the position taken by Mr. Harrison in the row which for the time being has practically disrupted the commission. Mr. Harrison was appointed upon the recommendation of former Representative Reavis.

Mr. Reavis, in resigning today, said that he did so with regret, but inasmuch as the State department has not yet adjusted matters, he did not care to remain in his position, where his presence might be interpreted as support of the position taken by Mr. Harrison. He said that his sympathies were wholly with the other members of the commission, who are asking the resignation of the Nebraska commissioner.

The members of the commission expressed regret over the resignation of Secretary Reavis and express their hearty approval of him and commend his work highly. Mr. Reavis will spend a short time in New York and will later return to Nebraska.

The charges and counter-charges made by Mr. Harrison against the commissioners and by the commissioners against Mr. Harrison are being investigated by the State department. An auditor is going over the books. For the time being work in connection with the Brazilian exposition is being held up and the success of the American exhibit there, it is said, is imperiled by the situation.

### Witmer Still Critical.

Peter Witmer, 80, who drank a glass of lye water mistaking it for tea, is still in a critical condition, according to his daughter, Mrs. Fred Ehrhardt, 2716 Howard street, at whose home he is living. She states Mr. Witmer is not suffering great pain, but the extent of his internal burns is not known.

### Light Vote Reported in Dakota Primary

Fargo, N. D., June 28.—By A. P.)—Balloting in today's state-wide primary election in North Dakota, when complete senatorial, congressional and state tickets were nominated by the republicans and democrats, was much lighter than in previous hard-fought campaigns, it was indicated in scattering reports tonight.

The result is in doubt.

### Three Cadets Killed in Airplane Wreck

San Antonio, Tex., June 28.—Three aviation cadets were killed and their bodies burned when an airplane in which they had just risen at Brooks field fell 200 feet late today.

The killed are Waldren R. Farrell, 24, of Philadelphia, who was piloting the machine.

William C. McCoy, 22, Nashville, Tenn., and George C. Thompson, West Philadelphia, Pa.

Farrell and McCoy are said to have gone from their station at Kelly field to Brooks field this afternoon. Thompson arrived at Brooks field from Carlstrom field in Florida a few hours earlier and was on his way to report for duty at Kelly field, for advanced training in the bombardment group.

The other two had finished their preliminary training some months earlier.

### "Stick 'Em Up" Orders Youth in City Jail

Grand Island, Neb., June 24.—(Special Telegram.)—A new experience came to Police Officer Joseph Budnek here, when he was about to search a lad, Joe Kelly, 16, who had been detained on suspicion of having stolen an auto at Fremont and admittedly sold a car at Central City for $25. Kelly was somewhat taken by surprise in the matter of his arrest, believing he was being led to a lodging house instead of the police station.

When search was begun, he whipped out a revolver and ordered the officer to "Stick 'em up." The officer coolly took the revolver away from the lad.

It is believed that Kelly is paroled or an escaped inmate of a Michigan reformatory. He is being held for the arrival of Fremont officers.

### Muscatine Minister Accepts Alliance Call

Alliance, Neb., June 24.—(Special.)—Rev. D. G. Ferguson, recently of Muscatine, Ia., has been engaged as pastor of the Alliance Presbyterian church and has arrived to assume his new duties. The church has been without a regular pastor since the resignation of Rev. A. J. Kearns several months ago. Rev. Mr. Ferguson is an athlete as well as a preacher, having won the 140-pound wrestling championship of the world at the Olympic games in 1908. He is also a writer, lecturer and an ex-service man, having served two years with the British army in France. He is 36, married and has two children.

### Boston Bishop Attacks Employers of Child Labor

Kansas City, Mo., June 28.—Employers of child labor were censured by Bishop Edwin H. Hughes of the Boston area of the Methodist Episcopal church in an address here before the International Sunday School convention. He declared the day is approaching "when child labor employers will be denied membership in Christian society."

## Government Care of Disabled War Vets Criticised

### Students of Ohio Training School Demand Institution Be Closed—Forbes Outlines Relief Plans.

San Francisco, June 28.—Col. Charles R. Forbes, director of the United States Veterans' bureau, drew both applause and criticism from the disabled American Veterans of the World War today when he explained to their convention the relief measures the government had undertaken for its stricken defenders.

Cheers greeted his announcement that the bureau had established an employment unit designed to find suitable jobs for every man given rehabilitation, and his asertion that he favored the civil service laws to give former service men preferred positions on eery goernment list.

Scores of eterans clamored for the floor, however, to ask why employment had ont been found for various individuals and why others had had their training concluded too soon an dtheir training pay stopped.

The climax of the criticism came with the reading of a telegram from the student officials of the training school at Camp Sherman, O., demanding that the school be closed. This telegram, which was read by Robert S. Marax of Cincinnati, national commander of the disabled American veterans, asserted that the president and other executives of the school should not be hastily condemned, said that its work so far was satisfactory and that its graduates would be found the best trained of any rehabilitated veterans.

Brig. Gen. Charles E. Sawyer, President Harding's physician, also was criticized. Humphrey Sullivan of St. Louis, representing Hanford MacNider, commander of the American Legion, charged Gen. Forbes with economizing at the expense of the health and safety of disabled soldiers.

### Two Stores at Kimball Are Robbed by Burglars

Kimball, Neb., June 28.—(Special Telegram.)—Morgan's drug store and Eichenberger's general store were robbed Tuesday night. In each place the burglars gained entrance by prying open a window on the alley. At Morgan's they secured about $800 in jewelry. At Eichenberger's they secured a suit of clothes and about $5 in cash.

### Wlliam Rock Dies.

Philadelphia, Pa., June 28.—William Rock, an actor on the legitimate and vaudeville stages for more than 30 years, died yesterday in a local hospital. He was stricken with intestinal trouble while performing here on the Keith circuit five weeks ago.

### The Weather

**Forecast.**

Thursday, probably showers; not much change in temperature.

**Hourly Temperatures.**

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| 5 a. m. | 62 | 1 p. m. | 79 |
| 6 a. m. | 62 | 2 p. m. | 80 |
| 7 a. m. | 64 | 3 p. m. | 82 |
| 8 a. m. | 68 | 4 p. m. | 84 |
| 9 a. m. | 72 | 5 p. m. | 85 |
| 10 a. m. | 74 | 6 p. m. | 82 |
| 11 a. m. | 77 | 7 p. m. | 80 |
| 12 noon | 79 | 8 p. m. | 78 |

**Highest Wednesday.**

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| Cheyenne | 76 | Pueblo | 82 |
| Davenport | 88 | Rapid City | 78 |
| Denver | 84 | Santa Fe | 82 |
| Dodge City | 90 | Sioux City | 82 |
| Lander | 78 | Valentine | 76 |
| North Platte | 82 | | |

## One Killed as Limited Is Derailed

### Engineer Dies With Hand on Throttle. Fireman Fatally Injured in Wreck Near Lincoln.

### Engine and Cars Pile Up

An engineer died with his hand on the throttle, a fireman was fatally injured and several passengers were badly bruised and shaken when Rock Island train No. 7, Rocky Mountain Limited, westbound, was derailed three miles east of Prairie Home, Neb., at about 1:20 yesterday morning.

The train of nine cars was traveling at a high rate of speed and was on downgrade when it struck a curve. The engine was thrown into a 15-foot embankment 50 feet from the track.

W. M. McLennon, 53, engineer, of Fairbury, Neb., was found by passengers several hours after the wreck, dead in the engine cab, his hand on the throttle.

**Fireman Dying.**

Henry Dart, 25, fireman, Fairbury, who leaped from the engine cab, is dying in a Lincoln hospital. He was badly scalded, but requested that his mother in Fairbury not be notified until it was "absolutely necessary."

Others injured are:

Selden W. Adkins, 2111 Pratt street, Omaha, railway mail clerk, badly bruised.

Mrs. Mary Bishop, 2103 Douglas street, Omaha, lacerated leg. Her 6-year-old son, Ivan, who was with her, was uninjured.

V. L. Ovarka, 2724 South Thirteenth street, Omaha, bruised when thrown to the front of the chair car in which he was riding.

**Woman Hysterical.**

Roy Homer, Mankato, Kan., mail clerk, right arm sprained.

Mrs. Howard Thomas, 70, Colfax, Ia., wrist sprained and in hysterical condition.

William Champlin, Council Bluffs, train conductor, was unhurt, according to reports.

Edwin Lynch, Girard, Kan., news vendor, bruised on arm and chest.

Mrs. E. M. Hood, Denver, Colo., right knee hurt.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O'Brien, Omaha, bruised about body.

S. A. Steinle, New Washington, O., bruised and cut about head.

Mrs. Frank Bauman, Fairbury, Neb., left arm and wrist sprained.

M. N. Henkle, Selma, Ia., injury to jaw and arm bruises.

Mrs. Ora Meeker, Phillipsburg, Kan., side hurt.

J. P. Christensen, Council Bluffs, Ia., baggageman, bruises and cuts.

W. J. Edwards, Lincoln, bruises.

Theodore Hensler, Tekonsha, Mich., bruises.

John Stickford, Waldern, Ind., shoulder bruised.

Mrs. Ella Aker, Telluride, Colo., badly shaken.

**Two Pullmans Derailed.**

Three Pullman cars remained on the track. Passengers in the two Pullman cars that were derailed were brought back to Omaha in the three undamaged Pullmans.

The mail car, directly back of the engine tender, stood upright, straddling the ditch into which the engine had plunged. A combination smoker and baggage car had sidled up and stood, also upright and straddling the ditch, directly beside the mail car.

The dining car lay on its side, the front end in the ditch and the rear end sticking upward. One Pullman went into the ditch and another was derailed. All steel equipment of the train prevented a greater loss of life, railway officials say. Passengers of the chair car which was derailed were taken to Lincoln.

**Left Chicago at 10.**

The Rocky Mountain Limited, a popular train for Omahans traveling to Colorado, left Chicago at 10 a. m. Tuesday. It left Omaha at 11:55 Tuesday night and was due in Lincoln at 1:40. It was bound for Colorado Springs and Denver.

It frequently travels at a speed exceeding 40 miles an hour, making it's scheduled time, railroad men said. Either soft track, caused by recent rains, and hence spreading rails, or a broken rail are given as causes for the wreck. The scene of the wreck was about 15 miles east of Lincoln.

J. B. Christensen, Council Bluffs, was the only local express messenger on the train, according to the Omaha office of the American Railway Express company. Roy Marshall and Merrit Kevan of Omaha were railway mail clerks in addition to Adkins, according to Assistant Superintendent Blackwell.

A wrecking crew, accompanied by doctors and nurses, were on the scene within a short time after the accident. The wreck had not been cleared up entirely by noon.

**Views of wreck will be found on page 11 of this issue.**

### Taxation Values Are Slashed by State Board

Lincoln, June 28.—(Special.)—Some slashes in valuations for taxation purposes were made by the state board of equalization here.

The valuation franchise, a new item included under the revenue law, was cut to $167,000 for the American Telephone & Telegraph company; $454,637 for the American Railway express and $282,382 for the Western Union.

### Adams County Wheat Yield Is Heavier Than Expected

Hastings, Neb., June 28.—(Special Telegram.)—Cutting of wheat is well advanced in this section and reports indicate that the yield is heavier than expected some time ago. In some places the yield will be light but it is believed the average will be close to 20 bushels an acre.