

125 MINERS ENTOMBED BY BLAST

Holdrege Citizens Bank Fails

Former Attorney General Declares Bryan's Charges and Delay Cost Guaranty Fund Over \$150,000.

Total Loss Is \$400,000

Lincoln, Feb. 8.—(Special.)—The Citizens State bank of Holdrege failed today. Simultaneously, Clarence A. Davis, vice president of the bank and until January 4 attorney general of Nebraska issued a statement here detailing efforts made by himself and others to gain Governor Bryan's consent to some arrangement which would have saved the bank. Its stockholders, he said, offered to pay an assessment of 100 per cent upon their stock, provided the balance of losses incurred by taking over liabilities of the defunct Holdrege State bank were made good out of the state guaranty fund.

Draft of \$400,000 Required.

Assumption of liabilities of the Holdrege State bank saved the guaranty fund a draft of \$358,000 in May, 1921, Davis declared. Acceptance of the Citizens bank plan of adjustment two weeks ago would have permitted the settlement of the whole matter by a draft of only \$137,000 upon the guaranty fund. Now, with the Citizens bank closed, the bank guaranty must be called upon for nearly \$400,000, he said.

"The publicity which has been given this matter during the last week has caused the Citizens State bank the loss of more than \$75,000 in deposits," said Davis. "No banking institution in the state can stand the publicity of having its solvency questioned and the equality of its deposits doubted by the leading public officials and the daily papers of the state."

Governor Silent.

Neither Governor Bryan nor Attorney General Spillman would comment on the Davis statement. Davis' statement to the public, to which he attached a letter addressed to Governor Bryan, February 2, follows:

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"The program has succeeded. Publicity and delay have done their work. Deposits have been withdrawn until the bank's reserves are depleted to the point where it is useless to proceed further. At least, I can now speak. The attached letter to Governor Bryan is complete. It sets forth the extent to which the officers of this bank have joined in an attempt to save it. Every proposal they have made has been rejected. The draft on the guaranty fund might have been \$137,000. Now it will be nearly \$400,000. The conclusion is obvious."

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Visit to Forts Before Enlisting Is New Plan

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Those who apply for enlistment are permitted to visit the different organizations of the Seventeenth infantry and to select their branch of the service. Visitors are received at the Army building, Fifteenth and Dodge streets, and given transportation either to Fort Crook or Fort Omaha.

Pacific Coast Warships Sail for Fleet Maneuvers

Los Angeles, Feb. 8.—The flagship California and eight other dreadnaughts of the fifth fleet commanded by Rear Admiral Eberle, sailed from here late today to participate in the fleet maneuvers to be held off Central America and the canal zone this month and next. The battleships ran into rain as they cleared the breakwater.

Brides of Rhine Yanks Find Dollar Is Dollar in American Currency

Savannah, Ga., Feb. 8.—(By A. P.)—Some 400 soldiers who returned to America yesterday aboard the transport St. Mihiel from the Rhine and the families of 24 of the men were resting today at Fort Screven, after a busy day here, during which they paraded, feasted and danced.

Their fellow soldiers with whom they represented the United States at Coblenz, as the army of occupation set out today for Charleston, S. C., aboard the transport.

The German, French and Belgian wives today were becoming acquainted with the poignant truth that \$1 is just \$1 and that the soldier's ranks is paid but 30 of them each month. While some of the women dismissed as an annoying bugaboo, the matter of rate of exchange in Germany, others appeared to regard the money question as having direct bearing on their future happiness.

The latter recited that when an American goes to a motion picture theater, he spends as much for a ticket as a German pays a servant for a month's work.

Smyrna Reports Show Situation in Near East Easing

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British and French Warship Commanders Ordered to Defend Selves if Attacked.

Valetta, Malta, Feb. 8.—(By A. P.)—The British superdreadnaughts Resolutive and Emperor of India arrived at Smyrna yesterday, ready to steam the short distance across to Smyrna if the Turks take action on their threat to force the allied warships from that port.

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Howell Postponed Indefinitely

House Committee Votes 6 to 4 Against Munny Light Measure—One Member Absent—Action Unexpected.

Another Bill in Senate By P. C. POWELL, Staff Correspondent The Omaha Bee.

Lincoln, Feb. 8.—(Special.)—The house committee on cities and towns tonight voted to postpone indefinitely the Howell (Omaha) municipal light bill. The vote was 6 to 4, for indefinite postponement, with Fourke, the 11th member of the committee, absent and not voting.

The motion to indefinitely postpone was made by Broome of Sheridan county. Those voting to sustain Broome's motion were Dyllall, Staats, Allan, Beiding and Gould. Members voting against the Broome motion were Regan, Smith, Collins, G. B. and Vace.

A vote on the bill tonight was unexpected. George Dyllall, chairman of the committee, was asked shortly after the meeting opened if action would be taken on the light bill. "No, I don't think so," he said. "One member is ill, and we want everyone to express himself."

Little Debate on Bill.

Later in the evening, Dyllall made the announcement of the committee's action. "There was little debate on the bill," he said. "I feel sure that if Fourke had been present the vote to kill it would have been 7 to 4."

Those in sympathy with the Howell bill may lift it over the committee's adverse report any time within the next two legislative days with a majority vote of the lower house. If the attempt to lift is made after the two days, it will take a two-thirds vote to put the bill on general file.

Howell has a similar bill pending in a senate committee. This senate bill was introduced by Senator Sturdevant on the last day left for introduction of bills. Howell pursued similar tactics two years ago. After his bill was killed in the lower house, he pushed the senate bill through that body and forced a second consideration of the measure in the upper house.

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"Dr. Mathews told me that a doctor named J. R. Howland, living 'somewhere' in the state, gave him a check for \$100, for a patient, named Loretta McDermott," one reporter said.

Attorneys will be given two and one-half hours to present their arguments, according to an agreement made with District Judge Goss.

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Dr. Mathews was used in rebuttal but for one question. He denied that he made such statements to newspaper men.

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Yesterday morning's testimony was taken by the defense to corroborate the testimony of Mrs. Fred Steverling at whose home the state charges the operation was performed.

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House Committee Rejects Measure Reimbursing Cities for Air Mail Mangars.

Washington, Feb. 8.—(Special.)—Western cities which offered the Post-office department the use of hangars and landing fields so the air mail planes would stop there, will not be paid for the service.

Omaha, Cheyenne and North Platte, among others, recently filed a claim for \$175,000 to cover the cost of hangars and flying fields, which the air mail planes were utilizing as part of the transcontinental route.

The house postal committee appointed a subcommittee to investigate the entire matter. Postal authorities informed the members that the understanding had been that no charge would be made for the service. The committee thereupon voted against paying the \$175,000, and the full committee yesterday approved the action.

The committee did not take up the Gorman bill to penalize the government when mail department employees are required to work overtime, by making 45 minutes constitute an hour's time for the purpose of reckoning the pay roll. It was scheduled to be considered, but was not reached and probably will be acted upon Friday, if present plans do not miscarry.

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Houston, Tex., Feb. 8.—"Little Phil" Aiguin, wanted in Los Angeles, is in jail today at Angleton, Tex., after he was landed from the Freepost Sulphur company's Tanker No. 6 at Freeport. Aiguin, who had been in chains since yesterday, was taken off the boat shortly before 9 o'clock. He seemed in good spirits and told reporters how he was arrested and deported to the United States from Mexico.

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"I went to Deuille and won 1,100,000 francs in less than 48 hours," he said. "I intended to return to the bank and restore the stolen money, but then I changed from baccarat to poker and the races."

"In less than 12 hours I had lost everything except 6 francs, which the police found in my pockets."

33 Printing Plants and 12 Paper Plants Busy Turning Out New Marks

Berlin, Feb. 8.—(By A. P.)—Thirty-three printing plants and 12 paper mills are kept busy supplying Germany with the new currency being issued at the rate of 45,000,000,000 marks a day. The introduction shortly of notes of 50,000 mark denomination is expected to increase the daily output by 15,000,000,000 marks.

It is estimated that by the end of the month every day will see 125,000,000,000 marks in new notes pouring into circulation through the issuance of notes of 20,000 and 100,000 marks, as well as by an increase in the flood of 10,000-mark bills.

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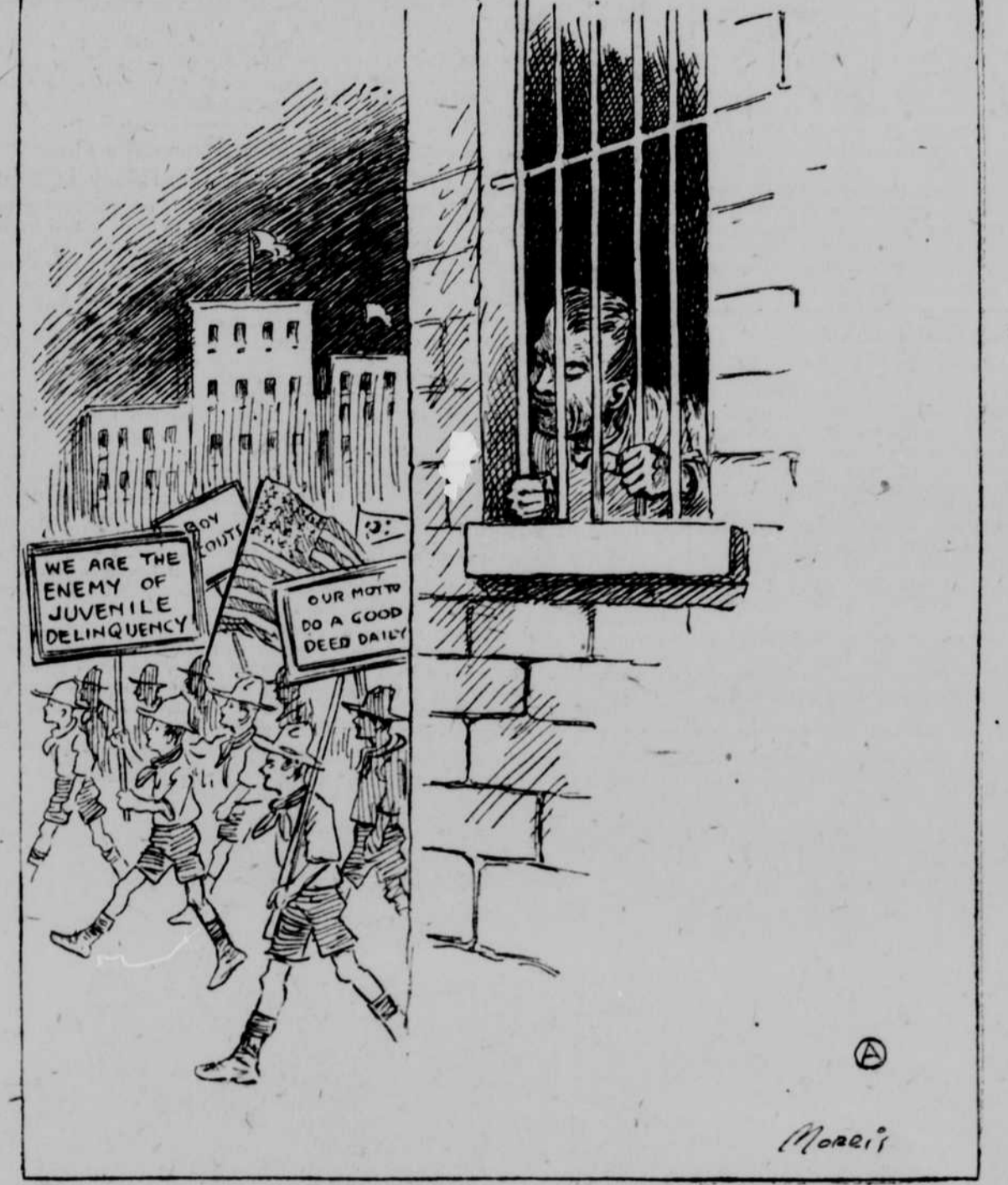
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"I Wish There Had Been a Boy Scout Organization When I Was a Boy"



Day Shift Caught by Explosion

Concrete Work at Mouth of Main Entry Wrecked—Wire Communication Destroyed by Force of Detonation.

Crowds Gather at Plant

Last Las Vegas, N. M., Feb. 8.—Approximately 125 miners are entombed in soft coal mine No. 1 at Dawson, N. M., following an explosion today, according to a telephone message received here.

The explosion, which occurred at about 2:30, wrecked telephone lines out of Dawson and communication with the town was impossible. The information received here was from Dawson Junction, near Dawson.

At 4:30 all the miners of the day shift who were in the mine when the explosion is reported to have occurred were still entombed, according to the message.

The mine is owned by the Phelps-Dodge corporation. Calls for help have been sent to the St. Louis, Rocky Mountain and Pacific company at Raton.

Second Blast in Decade.

The mine where the disaster is reported to have occurred is the largest in the Dawson district. It was the scene of an explosion in 1913, in which many miners lost their lives.

All the heavy concrete work at the mouth of the main entry was destroyed by the force of the explosion, indicating that the extent of the blast in the deeper workings was tremendous, according to information received here.

The debris choking the entrance was partly removed by 4 o'clock this afternoon and a rescue crew, which was accompanied by W. D. Brennan, general manager of the mine, made an entry. Their report was not available at a later hour.

Hundreds of women and children, members of the families of the workmen on the shift, gathered about the mouth of the mine. A cordon of miners was formed to permit rescue workers to enter the workings.

261 Killed in 1913. Denver, Feb. 8.—Today's mine disaster is the second in a decade experienced by the Little mining town of Dawson, N. M.

Entrapped in a tunnel of the Stag Canyon coal mine, also owned by the Phelps Dodge corporation, which owns mine No. 1, where today's explosion occurred, on Tuesday afternoon, October 21, 1913, by a terrible explosion, 261 miners lost their lives before rescue crews could reach them, and two of the rescuers were killed by the fatal gases as they sought to reach their comrades in the fumefilled death chambers underground.

Twenty-three men—all but six of whom were in a distant portion of the mine when the blast wrecked the interior workings—were all who survived.

To add to the horror of the disaster, fire, smoldering in the ruins of the blast-wrecked tunnels, hampered the work of rescue and constantly imperilled attempts to bring from the mine the bodies of the victims.

Bodies Mutilated. Many of the bodies eventually recovered were found to have been mutilated almost beyond recognition by the explosion, others had been crushed by falling rock and timbers, and scores had suffocated in the gas-filled damp which swept through the workings as the aftermath of the blast.

For more than a week rescue crews braved the dangers of falling debris, fire and gas, before the last bodies were recovered.

Officials at the time were unable to account for the explosion, but following the accident it was their belief that a miner with an open lamp had encountered an unknown pocket filled with gas, which was exploded.

War Veteran Who Fought at Shiloh and Vicksburg Dies

Harrison Moyer, 77, engineer for the Evans Model laundry for over 40 years died in a local hospital yesterday. Mr. Moyer made his home at the laundry. Death was due to hardening of the arteries.

Mr. Moyer was a civil war veteran, having fought in the battles of Shiloh and Vicksburg. He had a son who fought in the Spanish-American war and who was married to a princess in the Philippines Islands, later dying of fever. Another son, F. Moyer of Ross, Wyo.; a brother, W. H. Moyer, of Torrington, Wyo., and a grandson, C. Roland Moyer, residing at the Omaha Y. M. C. A., are survivors.

Funeral will be in charge of the G. A. R. at Bradley and Dorrance streets, Friday afternoon at 2. Burial will be in the G. A. R. plot at Forest Lawn cemetery.

Wanda Hawley, Film Actress, Files Action for Divorce

Los Angeles, Feb. 8.—Mrs. Selma Hawley, motion picture actress, better known as Wanda Hawley, filed suit for divorce in the Los Angeles superior court today, charging her husband, Allan Burton Hawley, with desertion and cruelty.

The Hawleys were married September 15, 1916, and separated October 15, 1922. It was recited in the complaint that the papers were filed through an attorney, Mrs. Hawley being in Europe, according to friends. Her husband was said to be in New York city.

Congressman From California Dies

Representative Henry Osborne of Tenth District Expires in Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, Feb. 8.—Congressman Henry Z. Osborne, whose health had been failing for several weeks, died at his home here today.

Mr. Osborne was serving his fourth term in the house of representatives from the Tenth district of California. He seemed to be improving for a time after his return from Washington, but a few days ago he suffered a relapse.

He was born in New Lebanon, N. Y., October 4, 1848, and became an apprentice at the printing trade when he was 13 years old. At 16 he enlisted as a private in the civil war. After the war he worked as a printer and later became a correspondent of the Chicago Tribune.

Mr. Osborne came to California in 1878 and established a newspaper at Bodie. From 1884 until 1897 he published and edited the Los Angeles Express. He held many political positions and was prominent in the republican party in California.

Nine Workmen Killed When Gas Main Breaks

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 8.—Nine workmen were killed and several other persons overcome by fumes when a large main burst on the premises of the Consumers Gas company.

Three firemen and a policeman were overcome while attempting rescues. Most of the dead were suffocated by the sudden rush of fumes. One or two are believed to have been killed by flying fragments of the main.

The workmen were engaged in installing a "booster" at the plant when the main burst.

Gen. Allen Bids Farewell to Rhineland Commission

Coblenz, Feb. 8.—Maj. Gen. Henry T. Allen bids farewell to the Rhineland high commission at a special meeting of that body yesterday.

The members of his staff he intends to sail for the United States February 21, on the steamer George Washington, arriving home about three weeks after the landing on American soil of the last of the American Rhineland army, of which he was commander-in-chief.

Pilots Will Attempt to Set New Endurance Record

Dayton, O., Feb. 8.—Lieuts. John A. MacReady and Oakley Kelly, McCook field pilots, holders of the world's record of sustained airplane flight, will hop off at Wilbur Wright field at 6 Friday morning if conditions are favorable, in an effort to break their record of 25 hours and 16 minutes, made at San Diego last fall.

Several dates have been set for the flight, but weather conditions made postponements necessary. Seven hundred and thirty-five gallons of gasoline and 40 gallons of oil will be carried aboard the Fokker transport, the T-2, when it leaves the ground. It is estimated this amount of fuel will be sufficient to keep the ship in the air 41 hours.

Harrison Says Harding Insulted Senate on Ship Bill

Washington, Feb. 8.—Criticism of President Harding for counseling the ship subsidy issue with the British debt funding report in his address to congress yesterday, Senator Harrison, democrat, Mississippi, told the senate today that the president had "descended from his high pedestal and insulted the senate."

Prompt Action on Debt Funding Bill Predicted

Ways and Means Committee of House Reports Measure Favorably—Will Be Brought Up Today.

Washington, Feb. 8.—(Special.)—The administration bill providing for the consolidation of the diplomatic and consular services, was passed today by the house.

The measure now goes to the senate.

Amalgamation of the foreign service into a single organization with diplomatic and consular branches and complete interchangeability of personnel would be provided by the bill. A single revised salary scale would be authorized for representatives of the United States at foreign capitals, the purpose being to eliminate the possession of large private means an essential qualification for appointment.

Increased compensation would be given many consular and diplomatic officials below the grade of minister and the civil service retirement act would be extended to the foreign service.

Representatives Black and Blanton, democrats of Texas, led a fight against the measure, Mr. Blanton objecting to the added expense, which, he said, would be met by a reduction in the number of consular posts.

Representative Garrett of Tennessee, democratic floor leader, explained there was no disposition to delay consideration of the bill, merely asking assurance there would be "time enough for debate." He received favorable assurance on this question.

The democrats plan to level shafts of criticism on the administration's foreign policy for the purpose of making thunder, but the bill will pass the house without doubt.

While favorable action in the senate is confidently expected, the date of the action remains uncertain, owing to the president's insistence upon a vote on subsidy first.

The bill reported leaves final approval of any action taken relative to other governments with the president and limits the debt funding commission to arrangements "similar but not more favorable" than the British agreement.

"Aerial Dare-Devil" Loses Fight on Scribes

Washington, Feb. 8.—An effort by Representative Herrick, republican, Oklahoma, the "aerial dare-devil of congress" to reply to an article in the Washington Herald, purporting to describe his alleged "romance" with a Washington girl, created something of a stir today in the house.